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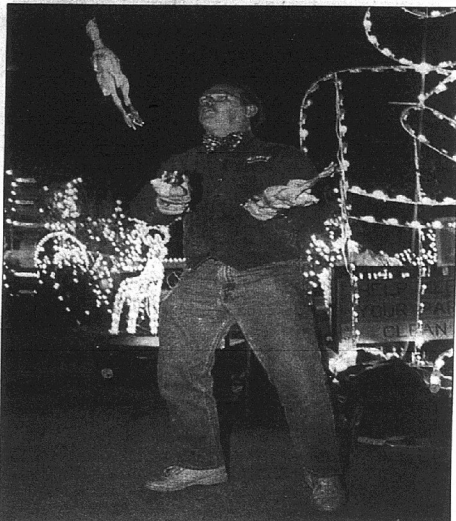
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FIFTY CENTS



## Santa parade

Albert Walker photo

"Harvey the Juggler" dazzles the crowd juggling rubber chickens during the parade last Saturday evening.

## Observe safety tips for holiday season

A few simple tips can keep you safe this month

By Dennis Grubaugh  
 Staff writer

Be thankful if you're not mugged, burglarized or worse.

"Tis the season to take advantage of people, authorities say.

"All types of crime increase with the holidays," said Capt. Rick McCain of the Alton Police Department.

Police agencies and the Madison County Public Health Department are offering a few words of advice to help make the holi-

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**Rick McCain**  
 Alton Police Department.

day season tougher on the bad guys and better for you. It all starts with Friday's anticipated shopping binge, said Chae Li Yong, an educator at the Health Department.

When shopping, make

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# Committee proposes new death penalty standards

Minimum requirements may have to be met to seek capital punishment

By Dennis Grubaugh  
 Staff writer

Attorneys who try capital murder cases in Illinois may one day have to meet minimum standards before they can represent or prosecute a defendant.

That is one of several changes to the death penalty process recommended by a special judicial committee appointed earlier this year

by the Illinois Supreme Court.

The court is now asking the committee, which includes two Madison County judges, to get more input on its lengthy report by holding several public hearings.

"Even the best system can be improved upon," Chief Justice Charles E. Freeman said. "But improvements cannot be made without the dissemination of constructive and critical comment."

The court is not united in

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 Chief Justice

its sentiment.

Justice James Heiple, who in April disagreed with the rest of the court on the need to form the committee,

now says the committee should not be the overseer of the public hearings.

"While I agree that public hearings should be held on these proposals, those hearings, most decidedly, should not be conducted by this same committee," Heiple's opinion states. "After all, this committee of judges has already studied the matter and made its recommendations. With all due respect, would any litigant in a case want to appear before a tri-

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## Students take swim program

Venice fourth-graders participated in class

By Michael Heil  
 Staff writer

Students from Venice Elementary School recently received an education that got them

wet behind the ears and out of the classroom.

About 40 fourth graders participated in a program, called Learn to Swim, at the Tri-City YMCA, coordinated and taught by Rich Wittmann, YMCA's executive director.

"I was impressed with the way they handled themselves," Wittmann said. "By the end of the lessons, they were jumping into the deep end and swimming into the shallow water."

The four-week lesson that began in October and ended in early November, weren't a day at the beach.

According to Wittmann, the lessons were intense as students learned the crawl

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Tim Stephenson photo

## Band concert

Members of the Ladue High School Orchestra played at Venice's Blair school last week.

## Initiative set to create park system

New metro area park district would cover 12 counties

By Curtiss A. Hartley  
 Staff writer

A new initiative is under way to create a metropolitan parks and recreation district that would cover 12 counties in the St. Louis and Metro East region.

Gateway Parks and Trails 2004 is an organization that grew out of the 2004 parks and open space project in St. Louis. It is hosting public meetings throughout the area to get public input on the issues of clean water, safe parks and community trails.

The University of Illinois Extension and Gateway

Parks and Trails 2004 has scheduled a meeting at 7 p.m. Dec. 7 at the Madison County Farm Bureau.

Glenna Brown, office administrator for GPT2004, said the purpose of the proposed metropolitan parks and recreation district would be to improve water quality

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# Midwest Rack Inc. faces \$100,000 in OSHA fines

## Citations issue for 38 health and safety violations

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

A Madison company is facing more than \$100,000 in fines for alleged health and safety violations.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration issued citations for 38 health and safety violations to Midwest Rack Inc.

The company manufactures heavy-duty metal storage racks designed for use in warehouses and similar facilities.

The proposed fines total \$117,520. However, the company has 15 days from the filing of the citations to contest the citations.

Mike Sabados Sr., a spokesman for the company, said they will contest the citations.

He said many of the alleged violations were nit picking and the inspectors didn't know what they were doing.

"Every time they come out, they change their mind," he said. "They are

unqualified people and don't know what they're talking about."

Sabados said the inspectors cited them for not having safety equipment on some of their machinery,

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Mike Sabados Sr.  
Spokesman

when the equipment was already built in. "I'm really frustrated," he said. "They come over here and I'm supposed to drop everything."

Peggy Zueber, OSHA's area director in Peoria, said the agency conducted an inspection in response to a

formal complaint alleging numerous hazards at the company.

OSHA issued citations alleging 28 serious, three willful, four repeat and three other-than-serious violations.

Serious violations are those that could cause an accident or illness that could result in death or serious injury.

Willful violations are hazardous conditions that the employer knows about but makes no reasonable effort to correct.

Repeat violations are ones that the company has been cited for before.

Serious violations alleged at Midwest Rack include a lack of machine guarding, exposure to electrical shock hazards, noise, unsanitary conditions, no rodent control program and eating in areas with toxic materials.

Willful violations included a lack of flammable control with open flames and spark producing equipment. Repeat violations include a lack of a respiratory protection program and having no material safety data sheets for chemicals.

# Lewis & Clark interpretive center plans move forward

## Congress approves transfer of land on which will be built in 2000

By Kerry Smith  
Staff writer

Plans continue to move forward on the future Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center.

Congress gave final approval this week to transferring the 30-acre site planned for the center's construction to the state of Illinois. U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello

**"I** am pleased that Congress passed this important bill before adjourning for the year. The Interpretive Center will help preserve the Corps of Discovery's historic legacy."

Peter Fitzgerald  
Senator

state of Illinois and Madison County officials to move forward on our goal to construct a world-class interpretive center by the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark journey westward," Costello said.

Funded by the state of Illinois and a \$4 million congressional appropriation secured by Costello and U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Illinois) in 1998, the center is expected to draw more than 100,000 tourists annually.

Durbin and U.S. Sen. Peter Fitzgerald (R-Illinois) sponsored the Senate version of the land transfer legislation.

"I am pleased that Congress passed this important bill before adjourning for the year," Fitzgerald said. "The Interpretive Center will help preserve the Corps of Discovery's historic legacy."

Superintendent of historic sites Bob Coomer with the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency said the project has progressed from a conceptual to developmental design phase.

"We'll be meeting Dec. 10 to talk about more specifics on the designs for the Center," Coomer said. "Our goal at this point is to award a contract on the construction of the Interpretive Center by mid to late summer 2000 and to see it completed and open to the public between 14 to 16 months later."

A covered vestibule, an orientation/reception area, interactive exhibits and a sophisticated theater featuring a large-scale movie on the Great Expedition are all plans for the Center.

"We're hoping to incorporate a lot of natural sound elements to tie into the overall Interpretive Center experience," he said. "And the final portion of the facility, as people head toward the exit will concentrate on what has happened since the time of the Expedition and the

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U.S. Representative

profound effect it has had."

Throughout the Center, water elements remind visitors of the convergence at Camp Dubois. Visitors to the facility will start by picking up their own journals to document their visit.

A large globe will emphasize international trade routes and the reliance of 19th century Europeans and Americans on water for trade, travel and communications.

# Suspicious 2nd fire hits home

## Sunday morning blaze happens just days after first

By Michael Heil  
Staff writer

A Sunday morning fire ripped through the front of a single-family flat in the 2900 block of Harding in Granite City is being called suspicious because another occurred there Nov. 24.

According to a police report, Sunday's fire, which authorities said began in the living room area, broke out a few minutes after mid-

night. Firefighters and police arriving at the scene a short time later observed smoke coming from the front and west side of the building.

Leonard and Angel Johnson, who reside at 2904 Harding, stated in the report that they heard a "large bang," and when they looked outside saw flames shooting from the residence, but did not see anyone exiting it.

Helen Connor, who resides at 2903 Harding, stated in the report that she heard noise coming from the residence, but, as the Johnsons

stated, did not see anyone running from the building.

Damage to the property was estimated at \$5,000. The home is owned by Elaine Holmes.

Holmes said she and her husband rehabbed the property in October and said that it had been rented until the first fire forced the occupants out. She said she plans to rehab the home again, but will wait until the summer.

(D-Illinois) authored the legislation, H.R. 2373 that paves the way for local and state officials to proceed with conceptual design plans on the roughly \$7 million, 15,000-square-foot center. The Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, set to break ground in August or September of 2000, will provide an interactive account of the famous pair's departure west in 1803. The site of the Interpretive Center is at the confluence of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers. "This bill will allow the

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# New Delhi woman arrested in Thanksgiving charity fraud

## Alton police arrest suspect in area-wide donation scam

By Kerry Smith  
Staff writer

On Thanksgiving Day, Alton police arrested a woman who falsely told several grocery store managers she was collecting food for churches.

Mary Ann Thomas, 24, of New Delhi, began her fraudulent collection of the more than

### METRO EAST

\$1,000 worth of turkeys, hams and roasts Nov. 10 and 11 in Jerseyville, Alton police said. Alton police Detective Jake Simmons said Thomas first visited Sinclair's Grocery Store in Jerseyville claiming to be a member of the Peace United Church of Christ who was picking up donated meat to serve at the church's Thanksgiving meal for the needy.

The following day, Simmons said, Thomas traveled to the Jerseyville Shop 'n Save, falsely representing

**"To prevent this scam from happening again, we want stores to be sure and ask for identification when handing out large-dollar donated items such as these. We want to make sure we don't experience any copycat crimes."**

Jake Simmons  
Alton Police Detective

herself as a member of the community's United Methodist Church. Again,

she retrieved more than \$150 in meats from the grocery store.

Thomas' scam continued Nov. 13 and 14 in Alton as she represented herself as a member of Tabernacle Baptist Church, swindling the Alton Shop 'n Save out of more than \$700 in meats that were supposed to feed hungry community members at a holiday meal.

A Shop 'n Save security camera posted at the Alton store recorded Thomas as she committed the fraud and it was the quick work of the store's security department along with an Alton police officer's efforts that tightened the search for the suspect.

"On Nov. 22, when she showed up at the Schwegel's store (on Washington Avenue) representing herself as a member of Messiah Lutheran Church," Simmons said, "Shop 'n Save had notified us of the security camera photo. Officer Marcus Patterson did an excellent job of identifying the suspect from the surveillance photo and sending the image on to the Jerseyville police."

Four Alton police detectives searched for Thomas, finding her at a relative's home in Alton shortly before 11 a.m. Thursday.

Simmons said the suspect admitted she had been selling the turkeys, hams and roasts from the trunk of her car at several locations in Alton, including Sullivan Homes, the Dooley housing complex and in the parking lot behind the Amoco food shop.

"To prevent this scam from happening again, we want stores to be sure and ask for identification when handing out large-dollar donated items such as these," Simmons said. "We want to make sure we don't experience any copycat crimes."

He said actions like Thomas' are harmful because they cast a negative light on legitimate charitable efforts.

Thomas was taken Friday from the Alton Police Department to the Madison County Jail. She is awaiting extradition to Jersey County.

# Police blotter

## Granite City

William D. Lindsey, 34, of the 2600 block of Edwards Street was charged Wednesday with unlawful possession of cannabis. According to a police report, while officers spoke to Lindsey about 8:40 p.m. in the 3500 block of the Kirkpatrick Homes, Lindsey told officers that he had a "couple of joints" in his possession. Christopher A. Voss, 25, of the 2400 block of Sheldon Avenue, was charged Thursday with reckless conduct. According to a police report, Simons allegedly attempted to hit another vehicle with his vehicle and threatened to kill the driver of the vehicle. The incident occurred about 5:45 a.m. in the area of Edwards Street.

Three auto burglaries were reported to authorities between Wednesday and Thursday. According to a police report, they occurred in the 2500 block of Iowa, in the 2600 block of East 28th Street and in the 2800 block of Ralph Street.

The report stated that on Iowa, a toolbox and assorted tools were allegedly stolen, all of which had an estimated value of about \$115. On East 28th, cigarettes and a socket wrench set were allegedly stolen, all of which had an estimated value of about \$55. On Ralph Street, a cellular phone and health pills were allegedly stolen, all of which had an estimated value of about \$240.

## VENICE

Toll runner T. Lynn Lavack, 37, of the 5300 block of Roserburg, Godfrey, was charged with failure to pay the toll by the Venice Police Department.

According to reports, at about 7:30 a.m. Sunday, Lavack drove through the toll gates without paying, allegedly almost striking a toll booth worker.

A Madison County sheriff's deputy

stopped her car near the intersection of Illinois 3 and Ponton Road. She was then brought back to the toll area, where the workers identified her.

At the time of her arrest, Lavack complained that she was being harassed because she was driving an expensive car and claimed to be the girlfriend of a prominent St. Louis area businessman. She was released on a notice to appear.

This comes just a few days after the Venice City Council approved seeking a hiring minimum fine for toll runners. It has been estimated that the city loses more than \$100,000 per year to toll runners. The ordinance increasing the minimum fine may be acted on sometime this month.

## MADISON

Drug charges - A Granite City woman faces multiple charges after being pulled over by Madison police early last Wednesday. Christina M. Curtis, 42, of the 300 block of Wilson Park Lane, Granite City, was charged with one count each of operating an uninsured motor vehicle, failure to signal, and having unsafe tires. Additional charges of possession of a controlled substance are pending.

According to reports, at about 12:57 a.m., an officer spotted Curtis parked near the intersection of Washington and Market streets. When the officer drove by her car, a man she was talking to ran away and Curtis allegedly pulled away from the curb without signaling. She was unable to provide proof of insurance when the officer pulled her over and the officer found chips of suspected crack cocaine in the driver's seat while searching the car. Curtis was released on a notice to appear.

Drug charges - Charles J. Ringling, 42, of the 2200 block of Iowa, Granite City, was charged with possession of a hypodermic needle and hitchhiking after he was stopped by police at about 1:30 p.m. Thursday.

Ringling also had an outstanding warrant for failure to appear on charges of driving with a suspended license, and charges of possession of a controlled substance are pending. According to reports, an officer saw Ringling hitchhiking and a record check showed the outstanding warrant. Police found the hypodermic needle in Ringling's left front coat pocket.

A Cahokia woman is facing several charges after police found a crack pipe in her car early Friday morning. Janet S. Finder, 43, of the 800 block of St. Williams, Cahokia, was charged with one count each of possession of drug equipment, having obstructed view and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Charges of possession of a controlled substance are pending.

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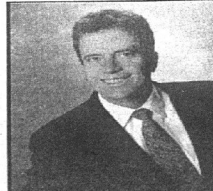
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# Mother seeks statute change

## Mehring faces jail time for refusing grandparent's visitation rights

By Dennis Grubaugh  
Staff writer

A mother jailed for refusing a grandparent visitation rights to her 7-year-old daughter is representing a cause far bigger than her own family, others say.

"The time has come for our communities to call upon their elected representatives to bring an end to these evil

**"The time has come for our communities to call upon their elected representatives to bring an end to these evil and unconstitutional statutes."**

Lance Freezeland  
Attorney

and unconstitutional statutes," Lance Freezeland, the attorney for Julie Mehring, said.

Mehring, 27, of Columbia was placed in Madison County Jail Nov. 17 after Madison County Associate Judge Barbara Crowder found her in indirect civil contempt of court. Mehring was cited for refusing to allow her former mother-in-law to visit Mehring's daughter, Jenna, 7.

As of Saturday afternoon, Mehring still was in jail. Freezeland, a Roxana native who practices law in Effingham, has filed a motion seeking to declare the statute under which Mehring was sentenced unconstitutional. A hearing

on that motion has not yet been scheduled.

In the meantime, the U.S. Supreme Court is set to hear arguments Jan. 12 in a case from Washington state that could provide direction or determine the outcome of Mehring's case and many others from around the country, Freezeland said.

At issue is whether any third party - including grandparents - has a legal right to sustain a relationship with a child over a parent's objections.

Child-parental visitation statutes have been enacted in the last 20 years in all 50 states. The intent of such laws is to unite families.

"(But) they have had just the opposite effect," Freezeland said. "They drive families further apart, and inevitably result in forced visitation, crying children, arrests and jail sentences."

Mehring's troubles began April 26 when Crowder ordered the child to have visitation with paternal grandmother Ella Mehring of Belleville. Julie Mehring objected, saying that the child and grandmother had had no prior relationship.

"(Ella Mehring) is a woman the child does not know and does not want to know," Freezeland said.

Julie Mehring was in the process of divorcing Ella Mehring's son, Michael, two years ago when he died of congestive heart failure at age 39, according to court records. Two months after Michael's death, Ella Mehring and her husband, Ralph, filed for visitation rights to see Jenna.

Ralph Mehring died last April, leaving Ella Mehring to fight the case by herself, through her attorney, Margaret Walsh of Belleville.

During a contempt proceeding Nov. 17, Julie

**"This is all about what's supposed to be in the best interests of the child. What purpose does it serve to put the mother in jail when she's not a criminal?"**

Andrew Hill  
Mehring's fiance

Mehring restated her objection. She indicated she was not going to comply with the judge's order, now or in the future. The judge immediately ordered her to jail.

"This is all about what's supposed to be in the best interests of the child," said Andrew Hill of St. Louis, Mehring's fiance. "What purpose does it serve to put the mother in jail when she's not a criminal?"

Hill said he has been left to tend to Jenna Mehring in the interim.

"This is about to tear her up," he said of the youngster. "There is a maximum time limit of six months on the

initial contempt sentence, after which the sentence can be reviewed," Freezeland said. However, an update hearing has been set for Dec. 15. Mehring can purge herself of the contempt sentence by allowing seven visits by the grandmother at five hours per day, the judge ruled.

Crowder declined to comment on the case, but others aren't skittish about stating an opinion.

"The state has stepped in where they have no right to do so," Hill maintains. "Julie didn't have a choice. She can turn the key any time she wants, but to do that she has to do it for a stranger who has not called, sent a letter or talked about (the grandchild)."

Neither Ella Mehring nor her attorney could be reached for comment Friday.

However, in previous court filings the grandparents said they wanted to meet with their granddaughter in part because she was their only link with their late son.

"They simply want to visit with the minor child to help her understand the death of her father, and to help ease the pain caused by his death," the original petition states.

# District's web page helps college-bound

By Deborah L. Bates  
Staff writer

Cyberspace now is a reality in the Edwardsville High School Guidance Department, giving students access to information to aid them in their high school and collegiate careers.

"Judy Verseman (guidance department chairwoman) and I wanted to provide students and parents with a readily accessible source of information," said Marianne Doll, assistant principal of student services.

The World Wide Web page - [www.ousd17.org/ehs/guidance/index/htm](http://www.ousd17.org/ehs/guidance/index/htm) - will provide access to scholarship information, financial aid information, and links to col-

leges and universities.

The Web page is part of the district's attempt to address a request made by the Edwardsville School Board to be more interactive with parents, Superintendent Ed Hightower said.

A link to college admission and testing should assist students with college entrance requirements, and it provides links to the colleges and online applications. Links to testing sites such as the ACT, PSAT and SAT also are available.

Doll said the department also is helping parents with financial aid information, which is available on the Web page. Financial aid applications can be filed online.

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# Students take class

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stroke and how to float on their backs and stomachs. "After about a week or so, everything fell into place," Whitmann said. "They progressed well enough that I was able to teach them how to properly kick, breathe and use their arms to push through the water." He said, the biggest obstacle they had to overcome was getting many of them over the fear of water. To do that, he used an innovative teaching technique called the "Superman Glide." "I stressed to them to stretch their arms out as far as they could and relax as if they lying in bed. It took them awhile to get the confidence they needed, but after they got that confidence the battle was over," Whitmann said.

Whitmann said that by the end of the lessons, the pool was full of happy-go-lucky swimmers, eager to demonstrate their newly learned skills to their teachers, who happened to be on the side of the pool during the last lesson. "They worked hard and were proud of what they accomplished. They were a group of kids having a lot of fun," Whitmann said. Whitmann, who has a master's degree in physical education with an emphasis in biomechanics relating to aquatics. "My objective was to make them as productive as possible in the water," Whitmann said. "I think I accomplished that." School officials interested in beginning a Learn to Swim program at their school, can call Whitmann at 876-7200 for more information.

# Committee proposes new penalty standards

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bunal that had already announced its decision in his case?" The committee should have gotten input from prosecutors, law enforcement, defense attorneys and others before making its report, Heiple said. The court has other committees that could have handled the task, he said. In April, Heiple referred to the committee's formation as a "public relations gesture" by the court. Madison County Circuit Judges Andy Matocesian and Charles V. Romani Jr. are on the 17-member committee, which held a series of meetings in Chicago during the last six months. Thomas Fitzgerald, the presiding judge of Cook County Criminal Court, chaired the committee efforts, Romani said. The committee is recommending the creation of a Capital Litigation Trial Bar, requiring minimum training and experience standards for all attorneys who try capital cases.

Two appropriately certified lawyers should be appointed to represent defendants, the committee said. The lead counsel would have to have at least five years of criminal litigation experience and prior experience as lead or co-counsel in at least eight felony jury trials, at least two of which were murder prosecutions. Discovery procedures would be enhanced to make sure that materials favorable to the defense have been disclosed to the defense by the prosecution. The trial judge should closely monitor the process, the panel said. Prosecutors should be required to give notice of their intent to seek or decline the death penalty within 120 days of arraignment, the panel recommends. Police interrogations also would be videotaped — a procedure not now in place at most area departments. If endorsed by the court after public hearings, some of the recommendations may be implemented by existing court rules and others may require legislative action, court officials said.

# Observe safety tips for holiday season

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sure you keep your wallet or purse close to your body - in front of you where you can see and feel it. Use purses with flaps or zippers. It makes it more difficult for a pickpocket. "Be careful of using those backpack purses," Yong said. Also, do not overburden yourself with packages, as that makes it difficult for you to keep track of your belongings. And don't leave packages visible in your vehicle. "It also makes it easier for the criminal," she said. Tell children that if they get lost to go to the nearest store clerk or security guard. There also are a few things to think about while you're driving between stores. Among them: Back into parking spaces - it lessens the chances of someone trapping you;

Keep your doors locked. Park close to parking attendants, elevators or stairwells. Park in well-lighted spaces. "Criminals have been known to 'bump' a car and then forcibly take control of the car when the driver gets out to inspect damages," Yong said. Do not get out of the car unless it is in a well-lighted area, she said. Be suspicious, too, of holiday frauds. When asked for a donation, insist on proper identification. Watch out for organizations whose names are similar to well-known ones. In general, give only to charities you know, Yong said. The same common sense rules apply to protecting one's home. Gifts should not be displayed near a window, doors should be locked, lights should remain on when you're gone, and neighbors should be advised to keep an eye on the house.

# Legion visits Veterans home

Members of the 22nd District American Legion and Auxiliary recently traveled to Anna Veterans Home in Anna. Party activities included carnival-type poker and bingo. Refreshments served were ice cream, homemade cookies and soda. Candy and snack cracker favors were given all. Twenty handmade afghans were also presented.

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Obituaries

**Lucy Foster**  
**LUCY FOSTER**, 72, of Las Vegas, died Friday, Nov. 26, 1999. She was born March 25, 1927, in Rockbridge. Mrs. Foster was a restaurant manager.  
 She is survived by her husband, Fred Foster; two daughters, Susan Zacharski of Troy, Mich., and Marylou Willis of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands; a brother, Roger Foster of Las Vegas; two sisters, Mae Wolf of Granite City and Martha Malson of Alton; and three grandchildren, Jeffrey and Lauren Zacharski of Troy, Mich., and Lexi Foster of Las Vegas.  
 Funeral services were Monday at Palm Mortuary in Cheyenne, Nev.

**Leslie McClure**  
**LESLEIE ELAINE (THOMPSON) MC CLURE**, 49, of Glen Carbon, formerly of Granite City, died at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 28, 1999, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville.  
 She was born Dec. 8, 1949, in Granite City. Mrs. McClure was an employment specialist for Granite City Steel. She was a member of the Business and Professional Women.  
 She is survived by her husband, Rick McClure; her parents, Lester and Evelyn (Muthelland) Thompson Sr. of Granite City; a son, Jeff Hobbers of Collinsville; a step-son, Clay McClure of Atlanta, Ga.; a brother, Lester Thompson Jr. of Granite City and a grandson, Joshua Hobbers.  
 She was preceded in death by a brother, Keith Thompson.  
 Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Irwin-Scott Chapel in Glen Carbon with the Rev. Bruce Cromwell officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Edwardsville.

**John Mitchell**  
**JOHN F. MITCHELL**, 84, of Granite City, died at 8:55 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, 1999, at Colonial Care Nursing Home in Granite City.  
 He was born Dec. 26, 1914, in Chaffee, Mo. Mr. Mitchell was a switchman for GM and O Railroad. He was of the Methodist faith.  
 He is survived by his wife, Alice (Williams) Mitchell; a daughter, Jessie of Las Vegas; a sister, Mildred Wise of Edwardsville and a granddaughter, Gail Tackaberry of Las Vegas.  
 He was preceded in death by his parents, Andrew and Amanda (Collins) Mitchell.  
 Graveside services were Monday at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Edwardsville with the Rev. Bruce Cromwell officiating.  
 Irwin Chapel in Granite City handled the arrangements.

**David Schmidt**  
**DAVID KENNETH SCHMIDT**, 72, of St. Louis, died at 2:37 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, 1999, at St. John's Skilled Nursing Center in St. Louis.  
 He was born March 31, 1927, in Rosedale, Kan. Mr. Schmidt was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He worked for Granite City Steel for 45 years in the blast furnace department as a spectrographer. He was a member of St. John United Church of Christ in Granite City, Eagles in Granite City, Blasco of Granite City Steel, Friends of Granite City Library, a retired member of Society of Applied Spectroscopy of St. Louis and an advisor for Junior Achievement in Granite City for 18 years.  
 He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth P. (Clina) Schmidt, whom he married Sept. 11, 1951. Other survivors include his mother, Maude P. (Ellis) Schmidt of Granite City; four children, Linda DeBenedictis of Evergreen, Colo., Randall Schmidt of Park Ridge, Timothy Schmidt of Granite City and Maria Schmidt; five sisters of Maryland Heights, Mo.; a sister, Ricka Ernst of St. Louis and six grandchildren, Scott Schmidt of Granite City, Robert Schmidt of LaGrange, William and Thomas DeBenedictis, both of Evergreen, Colo., and Jeffrey and Cassandra Fieders, both of Maryland Heights, Mo.  
 He was preceded in death by his father, Emil W. Schmidt.

**Toni Wilson**  
**TONI JEAN (DE BOLT) WILSON**, 58, of Pontoon Beach, died at 7:03 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, 1999, at her residence.  
 She was born Jan. 18, 1941, in St. Louis. Mrs. Darnell was a factory worker for Melborn Manufacturing. She was a member of Suburban Baptist Church and the Pontoon Beach Zoning Board.  
 She is survived by two sons, James A. Wilson of Pontoon Beach and Phillip Wilson of Granite City and three grandchildren, Brittan Wilson and Emilea Wilson, both of Granite City and Veronica Margolis of Cleveland, Ohio.  
 She was preceded in death by her husband, James E. Wilson, whom she married in 1965 and her parents, Tony Grous and Dorothy DeBolt.  
 Funeral services were Monday at Werner-Mick Funeral Home in Granite City with the Rev. Greg Dickerman officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Edwardsville.  
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**THE PONTOON BAPTIST CHURCH**, Highway 111 and Pontoon Road, has worship services at 8 and 10:45 a.m. Sunday. Nursery care is available for infant to fourth grades) is at 10:45 a.m. Sunday. Sunday's message is "Isaiah's Christmas Prophecy." Revival Time is at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday followed by Adult Choir practice at 7:45 p.m.

The choir will present a musical drama by Keith Ferguson and Bruce Greer. The musical presents God becoming flesh and divinely carrying out the plan of redemption. Without the birth of Christ in Bethlehem on Christmas day, all the celebrating and gift giving would be empty and without spiritual meaning. Come share the message of the Savior at 7 p.m. Dec. 11 and 12.

Initiative set to create park system

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 and increase park and trail safety.  
 "That's the goal of the district," Brown said. "What this office is actually doing is leading a planning and public engagement in an effort to engage the citizens and find cost-effective solutions."  
 Executive Director Robert Hall will be at the Dec. 7 meeting to answer the public's questions and to present information on goals and objectives of the organization.  
 Hall will cover topics on improving water quality, increasing park safety, providing community trails, improving, restoring and expanding local parks, making better access for the disabled and preserving natural habitats for wildlife.  
 GPT2004 was incorporated in January and meetings have been held so far in St. Louis County and St. Charles County in Missouri, and St. Clair County and Monroe County in Illinois.

Part of the initiative includes getting legislation in both states passed that would allow local counties to fund the metropolitan parks and recreation district. The bill would allow a .01 of a cent sales tax increase to fund the district.  
 The public is invited to attend the meeting in the auditorium at the Madison County Farm Bureau, 900 Hillsboro, Edwardsville.  
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News

# Children need proactive parental support

Young people have an extraordinarily difficult time resisting negative peer pressure, even when dangers are readily apparent. It is imperative parents become determined to help their children understand how to handle this overwhelming pressure. Rarely is peer pressure a direct, taunting, in-your-face challenge, as the phrase might suggest. Actually, "peer pressure" is adult shorthand for a constellation of factors, including media which influence a child to do what others are doing. "Peer expectations" might be a more useful way to think about the influence peers have on your child. Children influence each other in a variety of ways. They talk about what is



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going on in school and their social lives, what others are doing and what they would do if daring enough. All too often, misbehavior by a few becomes lionized into a standard for the rest. Friends sometimes exert a subtle encouragement to ease others into misbehavior. They usually don't say, "Let's get drunk every week and like the other kids do." But they do ask, "What's the

harm in having a beer with us tonight? You don't have to get drunk, and your folks will never know." The real source of pressure on kids, however, usually is internal. Most children are insecure, to one degree or another. These kids agonize until they do what they think they need to do in order to win acceptance by peers, however risky. Risk-taking is made easier by the frightening sense of teenage immortality. These kids have a feeling that they are special and can do and risk anything because really bad things don't happen to them. In addition to using curfews and other rules to protect children, parents should discuss potentially troublesome situations with their

children in advance to prepare them to remain true to their personal values and family standards. The way parents communicate with their children is very important. Here are some helpful suggestions: • Don't use the term "peer pressure" when talking to your child. The conversation may trigger an argument you cannot win. Kids refuse to think, much less admit, they can be pressured into doing anything - whether by adults or peers. When adults begin talking about responding to peer pressure, kids insist they are simply doing what they want to do. • Talk to your child about specifics.

Talk about situations your child may encounter or what individual children say or do. Discuss recent events in the media and entertainment world. • Listen to your child. Begin by asking open-ended questions. Find out who did what, with whom, when, how and why. Active, effective listening requires being silent for long periods and paraphrasing occasionally to draw out what your child is trying to say. Don't use what your child says as a launching pad for your own opinions. Aim to learn more about your child's world and provide an opportunity for your child to clarify his or her thoughts and feelings. After you have listened

actively and a problem has been identified, inquire about alternatives. If your child cannot see any available options, propose options in the form of questions. Ask if he or she "ever thought about handling it this way," for example. Proactive support from parents helps children refrain from dangerous activities. Communicating effectively enables parents to be a powerful resource for their children. Dennis O'Brien is a licensed clinical social worker, experienced educator and therapist, and executive director of Zink the Zebra Foundation of St. Louis, an organization serving medically fragile children.

## Fire called suspicious

By Michael Heil Staff writer

A Sunday morning fire that ripped through the front of a single-family flat in the 2900 block of Harding in Granite City is being called suspicious because another fire occurred there Nov. 24. According to a police report, Sunday's fire, which authorities said began in the living room area, broke out a few minutes after midnight. Firefighters and police arriving at the scene a short time later observed smoke coming from the front and west side of the building. Leonard and Angel Johnson,

who reside at 2904 Harding, stated in the report that they heard a "large bang," and when they looked outside saw flames shooting from the residence, but did not see anyone exiting it. Helen Connor, who resides at 2903 Harding, stated in the report that she heard noise coming from the residence, but, as the Johnsons stated, did not see anyone running from the building. Damage to the property was estimated at \$5,000. The home is owned by Elaine Holmes. Holmes said she and her husband rehabbed the property in October and said that it had been rented until the first fire forced the occupants out. She said she plans to rehab the home again, but will wait until the summer.

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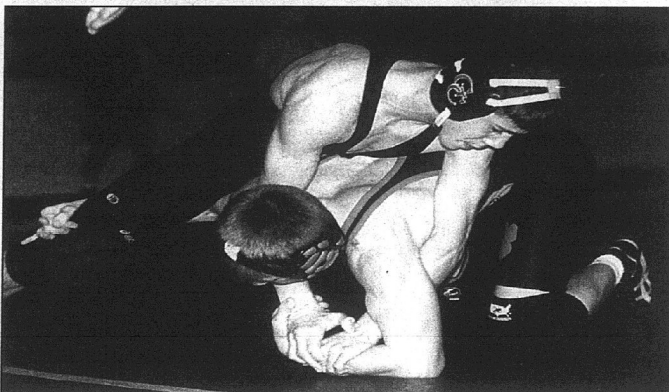
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# Sports

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## Granite City pins down strong start



Granite City's Steve Peach (top) won his match at 112 pounds against O'Fallon's Jeff Miller, pinning him in just 29 seconds. The Warriors are off to a 3-0 start this season. *Tim Stephenson photo*

## Warriors beat O'Fallon, Carbondale, Centralia under new coach Kirgan

**By Rick Broome**  
**Staff writer**

Meet the new boss - same as the old boss. New Granite City wrestling coach Allen Kirgan followed right in the footsteps of all the other coaches in Granite City's storied past. Kirgan got his graspers off the mat in fine fashion, sweeping the first three matches of the season.

The Warriors shot out of the gate with a 50-22 defeat of O'Fallon.

"Against O'Fallon we were a little sloppy," Granite City wrestling coach Allen Kirgan said.

"The kids are really young, so it was kind of expected that they would wrestle that way."

Sheldon Murphy (103 pounds) beat Nathan Gardner 7-4. Steve Peach (112 pounds) pinned Jeff Miller in 29 seconds. Nathan Tushing took a forfeit for Granite at 119 pounds.

Ryan Gardner, who was a pretty tough 112-pounder for O'Fallon last year, beat Chad Wilson (125 pounds), 19-6," Kirgan said. "Chad just took him down and basically ran out of gas. Chad looked much better against Centralia and Carbondale."

Tommy Tedesco (130 pounds) pinned Sean Joy at 3:04. Richie Carney (135 pounds) won 15-2 against Chris Burns.

Pat Fiegenbutz, a freshman 140-pounder, got in trouble early, but showed no signs of his age.

"Pat got head-locked right off the bat and was down 5-0," Kirgan said. "He came back to beat the kid 10-4. That's pretty tough for anyone to do, let alone a freshman wrestling in their first varsity meet. So that was pretty impressive. Pat needs to get more aggressive on his feet. He won that match without a single takedown on his feet. That's something that we need to work on."

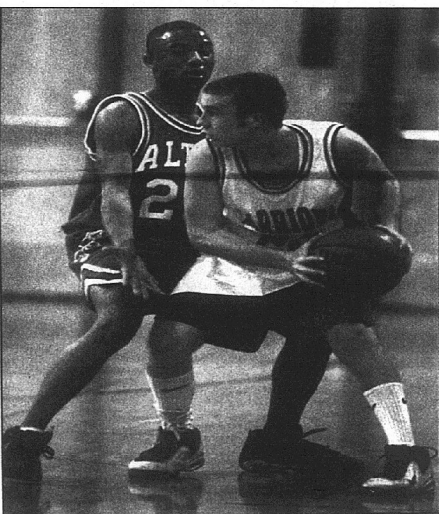
Another freshman, Brian Beyrau, wrestled Panther star Jason Dowdy at 160 pounds.

"Jason is one of their best kids," Kirgan said. "He is the one who beat (Belleville Althoff's) Dan Quartz last year, he was in the third-place match at Sectionals and lost to (Granite City's) George (Kirgan)."

Brian was wrestling him real tough. The score was 6-2 and Jason pinned him in the second period. I think Brian is going to be a good one, especially if he keeps working as hard as he is working right now."

Jim Treackle (145 pounds) defeated Steve Daniels 12-3. Willie Clark (162 pounds) suffered a technical fall (17-1) at the hands of Donnie Shephard, George Kirgan pinned Dave Kastens in 2:50 and Bobby Grammer pinned Bill Feldman in

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Teddy Wallace (right) scored nine points for the Warriors in Saturday's game against Cahokia. *Tim Stephenson photo*

## Granite City topples Cahokia for first victory of the season

But philosophy that yielded win doesn't take shape vs. Okawville

**By Rick Broome**  
**Staff writer**

The 1999 Alton Tip-Off Classic won't be the unqualified success that last year's tournament was for Granite City.

But the Warriors got their first win of the season Saturday morning by beating Cahokia 64-61 in the penultimate round-robin game.

"Cahokia is real quick, and they have a couple of real good 3-point shooters," Granite City coach John VanBuskirk said. "What we tried real hard to do against them was to cover those two man-to-man and play different defenses to confuse them. I think the kids did a real good job."

Granite took it one frame at a time.

"We tried to decide that we needed to win each quarter, whether it was by one point or whatever," VanBuskirk said. "That's what we tried to do and we succeeded until the fourth quarter. They got hot, but we had a big enough lead that we held on. The kid made a 3-point shot with one second left, so we were ahead by six with under 10 seconds left."

"We felt good about that. We outscored them each quarter until the fourth. That was

"We had to slow it down."

**John VanBuskirk**  
 Granite City coach about the game with Cahokia

our first time of playing with a lead, and you have to learn to do that. We made some mistakes, but we are learning. We are a new team, and we have to figure some things out still. They are working hard."

The plan to throw Hysuper in the path of the Comanches worked like a charm.

"We had to slow it down," VanBuskirk said. "We couldn't get in a running game with them. They had very few fast-break points, and (in a loss on Wednesday night) Alton got too many layups and fast-break points. You have to make those teams make baskets from outside. The kids worked hard and did a good job."

Zack May led the Warriors with 21 points. Matt Pistorius had 18, and Teddy Wallace contributed nine. Justin Slay added 10, while Brandon Smith had five.

Later that evening, Granite used a late surge to take Okawville to overtime before

losing 69-66.

"Our philosophy about winning quarters didn't work out until the fourth quarter," VanBuskirk said. "It was just the exact opposite of the Cahokia game. We were sluggish the first 2 1/2 quarters, as they were. Then we started to play some man-to-man defense, which picked us up."

"We outscored them 20-8 in the fourth quarter. But in overtime we only scored two 3-point field goals. They only had one field goal, but they made their free throws when it counted."

May again led the way with 26 points. Pistorius threw in 18 and snatched six rebounds for Granite City, who fell to 1-3 on the season.

The Warriors will head to Edwardsville Friday night. The Tigers lost center Dan Lytle to graduation but return quarterback Matt Allaria to run the show.

"They have a talented team again," VanBuskirk said. "They are well coached and they will present us with problems. They will play hard man-to-man defense. They do a lot of switching and different kinds of things, which causes high-school kids trouble. That is something that we have to work on. They will have real good set plays, and we will have to prepare real hard for them this week."

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## Illinois Warriors net revenge vs. Edwardsville

Team used 10-1 thrashing of Alton as warm-up

**By Rick Broome**  
**Staff writer**

The Illinois Warriors had some powerful motivation for a recent Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association match-up against Edwardsville.

Accompanied by thoughts of revenge, the Warriors skated to a 6-3 victory on Nov. 24 against the Tigers.

The Warriors used the preceding Sunday as a tune-up, handing Alton a 10-1 thrashing.

"The game against Alton was an outstanding effort," Warriors coach Paul Sollberger said. "We outshot them 10-1 in the first period, but we were only winning 1-0. The second period was one of the best periods that we have ever played as a team. Our neutral zone transition was great, and we scored five goals. In the third period, we scored four more."

"We got scoring across the board, and not just from one line. We dominated them in every aspect of the game."

Then came time for revenge. In last year's MVCHA playoffs, the Warriors entered as the No. 1

seed, the Tigers at No. 4. But the Tigers caught the upset in the first round of pool play, and in the process, ruined the Warriors' dreams of repeating the title they won in 1998, their first year of existence.

"We carried the same effort that we had against Alton into the Edwardsville game," Sollberger said. "We got behind 1-0, but then we scored to tie it, and we scored three more to make it 4-1."

Edwardsville was coming after our goalie (Brandon Rollins), which is the same tactic they used last year."

"We cleared them from the front of the net and took some penalties. They made it 4-3 by the end of the second, but Luke Forrester and Brett Sollberger scored in the third."

Later that evening, Granite used a late surge to take Okawville to overtime before

"We dominated them in every aspect of the game."

**Paul Sollberger**  
 Illinois Warriors coach

About his team's performance vs. Alton

Flicker added another for the Warriors, who raised their season record to 3-1 with the victory.

"We wanted to come out and control the game," Sollberger said. "Last year we handled

## Warriors have talent to spare in program's 2nd year

GCHS wants to roll into state tourney

**By Rick Broome**  
**Staff writer**

Granite City's girls bowling team hopes to strike pay-dirt in the

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playoffs this year

The squad in place has already experienced some success, beating Belleville West 33-3 before a packed house. The two girls at the top of the Warriors line-up have jumped out of the gate.

"Shelly Pulaski is our top girl bowler right now," Granite City

coach Bill Puhse said. "She didn't bowl the entire season last year, but we look for a strong season from her. She bowled a 210 game against Belleville West."

"Ashley Reynolds bowled a 590 series, with a 238 at the end. She struggled to begin with, but we got it straightened out. She established a 190 average, which is pretty good. She is the only

girl who got a three-game series in."

"The rest of the team brings a varied level of experience."

"Francie Davis looked good and had a solid year for us."

Puhse said. "She should do the same again this year."

"(Juniors) Megan Ryan, Stacy Foster and Katie Speece all bowled junior varsity last

year, so those three will move up to varsity. Lindsay Foster was not even on the team last year, and this year she decided to try out. It looks like she will help us out on varsity this year."

Last year, the first of existence for the program at Granite City, the team went 6-6 overall and 6-4 in the Southwestern Conference. This year's team

hopes that with an extra season of experience, it can improve that ledger and make its mark on the rest of the field.

"I think we will do real well," Puhse said. "Belleville East was the only team that we had a lot of trouble with last year, and I think they lost several of their

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Sports

# Daubach deserving of grand marshal selection

As I watched the parade that annually introduces the Christmas holiday season to Belleville, I agreed wholeheartedly with the selection of Brian Daubach as grand marshal.

No wonder Santa Claus also was featured in the parade. Daubach, who finished second in the 1999 American League Rookie of the Year voting, is bound to receive a huge monetary gift from the Red Sox prior to the 2000 season.

Not only did the former Belleville West standout bounce from nine years' minor league experience to a season in which he hit .294 with 21 home runs and 73 runs batted in, he was a catalyst that helped Boston reach postseason play before losing to the eventual World Series champions, the New York Yankees.

If reduced to \$1 bills, Daubach's next salary would more than fill Santa's bag, and even St. Nick should be able to list the good from Daubach's season.

Second on the Red Sox in batting average and third in home runs and RBIs. Second on the team in slugging percentage (.562) and third in on-base percentage (.391).

Fifth on the team in doubles (33).

Daubach hit .333 with runners on base, and .296 when he batted third - where he was used most often as the designated hitter.

My bet is Daubach, who will turn 28 on Feb. 11, will more than double his major league minimum salary of \$28,000 of last season. That's a lot of grand for Santa's grand marshal.

**Extra innings**  
According to the Belleville City Softball (Fitch) League official Neil Schott, shortstop Robby Hill of the champion Outlaws (11-4) led the league Side Park loop by hitting (.478), runs (17) and hits (22).

Outfielder Roland Fletcher (.454) of the Mules led in home runs with four while Jim McDonough of the Celtics had 14 RBI and Bobo Kuelen had three triples.

Matt Mason of the Celtics led pitchers with seven wins while Ron Ames of the Stallions was the earned runs leader at 0.84.

**Tip off**  
Unless you really look for it, you might not notice a change in high school basketball procedure this season that will come prior to each game.

That's when the captains and coaches of the respective teams will meet with game officials in what appears to be a sportsmanship gesture as well as a rules clarification effort.

"It probably will be done in front of the scorer's table," said O'Fallon coach Kevin Kellermann, who seemed more concerned with two other changes for the 1999-2000 season.

Both are related to free-throw shooting, although one concerns a floor marking and the other player movement. In the first case, a line has been added on either side of the bottom of the free throw lanes.

"It's meant to keep players between that line and the block so they cannot trust themselves from a spot further beneath the basket and jump into the lane for a missed free throw," said Kellermann.

"Apparently, it will eliminate a player from getting a rebounding edge, but a player would jump in like that and make contact, he'd actually be fouling."

In a change to how the rule was applied a few years ago, players now cannot enter the lane on free throw attempts until the ball has hit the rim.

"That rule had been changed from allowing movement when the ball left the shooter's hand. Reverting to the old rule should eliminate some of the contact," said Kellermann.



## DOBBS Cardinals Team of the Week

### Fine season

A Columbia girls softball team finished 7-2-1 this season in the Kirkwood Athletic Association. Members of the team are (from left): Megan Floarke, Tori Osland, Jill Dougherty, Whitney Mardiosian, Jessica Nordike; In back - team sponsor George "Skip" Weber, coach Paul Schlemmer, Carrie Canman, Annie Altwater, Emily Harros, Dana Schlemmer, Lacey Huebner, coach John Dougherty and coach Rob Mardiosian. Absent from photo: coach Jim Harros, Jill Steele and Danielle Monroe.

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# Sports

## Prep basketball

**Girls Basketball**  
**Taylorville Tournament**  
**Saturday's Game**

**Collinsville 49, Jacksonville 32**  
Collinsville 13 15 11 10 - 49  
Jacksonville 9 4 8 13 - 32

Collinsville	FG	3FG	FT	Pts
Amy Loftus	11	10	2	24
Rachel Stabenfeldt	1	3	1	12
Deanne Trost	1	0	5	2
Angie Parker	0	0	0	0
Katia Vieluf	1	0	0	2
Danely Brown	0	0	1	1
Alicia Wolkow	2	2	0	6
Armanda Kirksey	1	0	0	2
TOTALS	15	5	4	49

**Jacksonville**  
Stats unavailable  
Rebounds - Collinsville 25 (Loftus 8); Assists - Collinsville 17 (Stabenfeldt 6); Blocks - Collinsville 1 (Loftus 1).

**Boys Basketball**  
**Washington (Mo.) St. Francis Borgia Thanksgiving Tournament**  
**Friday's Game**

**Borgia 67, Collinsville 57**  
Borgia 15 18 18 18 - 67  
Collinsville 20 6 18 13 - 57

Borgia	FG	3FG	FT	Pts
Josh Warren	7	0	6	20
Adam Pritchett	2	0	3	13
Brett Kelley	2	2	2	12
Clay Todd	0	2	5	11
Nic Downey	0	2	1	7
Bruce Curdoff	1	0	0	2
Joe Marquart	1	0	0	2
Andy Harrel	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	16	6	17	67

**Collinsville**  
Stats unavailable  
Rebounds - Collinsville 25 (Loftus 8); Assists - Collinsville 17 (Stabenfeldt 6); Blocks - Collinsville 1 (Loftus 1).

**Boys Basketball**  
**Belleve West Tournament**  
**Saturday's Game**

**Belleve Mater Dei 52, Triad 56**  
Mater Dei 17 14 10 15 - 56  
Triad 10 18 15 19 - 62

Mater Dei	FG	3FG	FT	Pts
Matt Pistorius	6	2	8	26
Aaron Edwards	3	0	3	9
Nate Larson	1	1	0	6
Ian Evans	3	0	1	7
Kyle Wassonmeyer	1	0	0	2
Normach	3	0	0	6
Kelly Wistberger	1	0	0	2
Nick Hunter	0	0	0	0
Kookler	0	0	0	0
Simmons	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	17	2	18	56

**Triad**  
Stats unavailable  
Rebounds - unavailable; Assists - unavailable; Steals - unavailable.

**Saturday's Game**  
**Dupo 44, Metro-East Lutheran 31**  
Dupo 14 5 18 19 - 44  
Metro-East Lutheran 6 10 9 9 - 31

Dupo	FG	3FG	FT	Pts
Adam Kiemmel	6	0	3	15
Tim Hagedorn	2	0	8	12
Jay Levin	3	0	0	6
Andy Cocco	2	0	0	4
Keith Sasser	1	0	0	2
Chris Kloess	1	0	0	2
David Kolback	0	0	2	2
Zach Buyer	0	0	1	1
TOTALS	14	0	16	44

**Metro-East**  
Stats unavailable  
Rebounds - unavailable; Assists - unavailable; Steals - unavailable.

**Waterloo**  
**Waterloo 41, Galtus 16**  
Waterloo 16 7 11 13 - 41  
Galtus 13 7 10 13 - 43

Waterloo	FG	3FG	FT	Pts
Justin Nason	9	0	2	18
Zach Hopkins	3	0	2	8
Ryan Lucy	3	0	3	15
Jeff Harp	2	1	5	12
Kyle Conrad	0	0	0	0
Chris Erickson	0	0	0	0
Eric Keeling	0	0	0	0
Garrett Frank	0	0	0	0
Andy Martin	0	0	0	0
Josh Schaefer	0	0	0	0
Steve Webb	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	14	2	11	45

**Galtus**  
Stats unavailable  
Rebounds - Waterloo 14 (Nason 5); Assists - Galtus 11 (Morse 3); Steals - Waterloo 6 (Lucy 2); Blocks - Waterloo 1 (Harp 1); Steals - Galtus 7 (Hermos 3); Steals - Waterloo 1 (Nason 1).

**Waterloo**  
**Waterloo 65, Galtus 16**  
Waterloo 22 19 9 16 - 65  
Galtus 17 9 13 17 - 56

Waterloo	FG	3FG	FT	Pts
Justin Nason	7	0	3	17
Zach Hopkins	4	0	5	13
Ryan Lucy	9	0	0	18
Jeff Harp	0	0	0	0
Kyle Conrad	0	0	0	0
Chris Erickson	0	0	0	0
Garrett Frank	0	0	0	0
Eric Keeling	0	0	0	0
Andy Martin	0	0	0	0
Josh Schaefer	0	0	0	0
Steve Webb	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	17	0	22	56

**Galtus**  
Stats unavailable  
Rebounds - Waterloo 23 (Nason 9); Assists - Waterloo 10 (Lucy 10); Steals - Waterloo 2 (Nason 2); Blocks - Waterloo 1 (Nason 1).

**Friday's Game**  
**Collinsville 54, Pana 43**  
Collinsville 14 12 10 18 - 54  
Pana 13 10 9 14 - 43

Collinsville	FG	3FG	FT	Pts
Amy Loftus	9	0	6	24
Katia Vieluf	1	0	2	4
Rachel Stabenfeldt	1	1	0	3
Deanne Trost	1	0	0	2
Alicia Wolkow	0	0	0	0
Megan Bozzardi	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	19	1	11	54

**Pana**  
Stats unavailable  
Rebounds - Collinsville 25 (Loftus 8); Assists - Collinsville 15 (Kirksey 9); Steals -

**Nov. 23**  
**Collinsville 40, Pacific (Mo.) 27**  
Collinsville 7 8 7 5 - 27  
Pacific 12 5 15 14 - 46

Collinsville	FG	3FG	FT	Pts
B.J. Bone	2	3	3	15
Cory Wilson	2	1	0	3
Adam Embick	0	1	0	3
T.J. Flynn	0	0	0	0
Jeff Barnes	1	0	0	2
TOTALS	9	10	14	57

**Pacific**  
Stats unavailable  
Rebounds - unavailable; Assists - unavailable; Steals - unavailable; Blocks - unavailable.

**Nov. 27**  
**Granite City 48, Alton 74**  
Granite City 09 14 17 09 - 48  
Collinsville 14 17 23 20 - 74

Granite City	FG	3FG	FT	Pts
Matt Pistorius	5	0	10	19
Zack May	2	2	2	12
Brandon Smith	2	1	8	7
Test Wallace	1	1	2	7
Justin Slay	1	0	1	3
TOTALS	12	4	12	48

**Alton**  
Stats unavailable  
Rebounds - unavailable; Assists - unavailable; Steals - unavailable.

**Boys Basketball**  
**Alton Tip-Off Classic**  
**(Nov. 24)**

**Granite City 48, Alton 74**  
Granite City 09 14 17 09 - 48  
Collinsville 14 17 23 20 - 74

Granite City	FG	3FG	FT	Pts
Matt Pistorius	5	0	10	19
Zack May	2	2	2	12
Brandon Smith	2	1	8	7
Test Wallace	1	1	2	7
Justin Slay	1	0	1	3
TOTALS	12	4	12	48

**Alton**  
Stats unavailable  
Rebounds - unavailable; Assists - unavailable; Steals - unavailable.

**Nov. 27**  
**Gibault 67, Athoff 63**  
Gibault 16 16 10 20 - 67  
Athoff 15 16 13 19 - 63

Gibault	FG	3FG	FT	Pts
Brett Grothmann	3	1	10	10
Dan Hermos	10	0	3	23
Nick Marcus	4	0	4	12
David Holdener	4	0	4	12
Chad Friedrich	3	0	0	6
Jim Theissen	1	1	0	5
TOTALS	29	2	11	67

**Athoff**  
Stats unavailable  
Rebounds - unavailable; Assists - unavailable; Steals - unavailable.

**Lebanon/McKendree Tournament**  
**Nov. 27**

**Lebanon 46, Red Bud 42**  
Lebanon 16 10 20 - 46  
Red Bud 9 14 11 11 - 42

Lebanon	FG	3FG	FT	Pts
Ray Wagner	1	2	0	14
Blakely Coleman	4	0	3	11
Jason Gray	4	0	1	9
Nick Bohnerstahl	3	0	2	8
Shawn Burns	1	0	0	2
William Grace	1	0	0	2
TOTALS	14	4	6	48

**Red Bud**  
Stats unavailable  
Rebounds - unavailable; Assists - unavailable; Steals - unavailable; Blocks - unavailable.

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# Warriors open season strong under Kirgan

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1-23. Jake Janek pinned Jason Savoy in 58 seconds.

Warriors heavyweight Justin York was pinned by Mike Steffen at 5:21.

"They were late in the third period and Justin was down by one point, 4-3," Kirgan said. "You really have to consider Justin a second-year wrestler. He got some experience late in his freshman year, but then he played hockey as a sophomore. It is going to take him a little while to get back into it."

"I don't think (Steffen) is going to beat him at the end of the year. Justin was right there and he just stopped on his hip. Steffen weighs 270, and when you stop on your hip and he gets you on your back all you can see is elbows and ankles."

"It was a little rusty that first match, but as young as we are, it was expected to be that way. We looked a little better the next night against Centralia and Carbondale."

The Warriors beat Centralia handily, 71-6.

"Centralia had a pretty young team," Kirgan said. "Instead of running up the score against a team who is trying to build, we double-forged them. The kids looked much better. Carbondale was also a young team. We got them 48-13, and we double-forged at 18 and 215."

"The good thing about all three of these first meets is that all three of our freshmen in the starting lineup (Murphy, Fiegenbutz and

**"It was a little rusty that first match, but as young as we are, it was expected to be that way. We looked a little better the next night against Centralia and Carbondale."**

**Allen Kirgan**  
Warriors coach

Beyrau) have wins now. It's good to get those freshmen off to a good start and build up their confidence."

The 19th-ranked Warriors face Edwardsville Friday in a clash of Illinois top-25 teams.

"They have a good team," Kirgan said. "(Joe Bevis) is still at 189. I read that they were ranked No. 22 in the state, and I think that is the first time that Edwardsville has ever been ranked. They are a good team. John Wagner has done a real good job with the program. He has his kids wrestling tough."

"This is another early-season meet. I expect the kids to go out and wrestle. I don't want to put any more weight on it than I have to. My goal is not to beat Edwardsville. We have higher goals than that."

# Illinois Warriors win 2

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Edwardsville in two regular season games and then lost to them in the playoffs. We wanted to use that as a reminder to the kids. We carried the effort from the win against Alton.

"We were somewhat short-handed. David Svezia was out of town, so we had to move John Stordahl into David's position on

defense. We got an excellent effort from Bobby, who was playing with a pulled groin and got two goals despite that. Brandon Rollins played well in the nets."

Next up for the Warriors is a rematch with Alton Marquette, who the Warriors handled two weeks ago, 6-2.

"They have Scott Werner, who is a great player, and they

will be upset to play us," Solberger said. "They beat Bethalto last Wednesday and that put us in first place. They have their sights set on us, and we have to carry forward."

"We are in the tough part of our schedule with Alton, Edwardsville, Marquette, and then Edwardsville again. There are no soft spots. December is a very tough month, and we have to stay on our game."

# Girls aim for state tourney

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better bowlers. I think we will be a force to be reckoned with in our conference."

"Kristin Stival qualified for the state tournament as an individual last year, and we were fifth in the sectional tournament."

"I think we have a good chance to be first or second in sectionals and take the whole team to the state tournament. I think we have a real good shot of that."

The Warriors were scheduled

to face Cahokia Tuesday at home lanes of Bowland. They

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Toy Story 2 (G) 1:30, 3:40, 5:50, 8:00  
Toy Story 2 (G) 2:20, 5:00, 7:10  
Pokemon (G) 1:40, 3:45, 5:55, 8:05  
Pokemon (G) 2:30  
American Beauty (R) 5:30, 8:10  
The Insider (R) 1:30, 4:40, 7:50

**HALLS FERRY 14 CINE**  
2600 Target Drive, 822-2463  
End Of Days (R) 4:25, 7:00, 9:35  
Toy Story 2 (G) 4:45, 7:05, 9:25  
Bats (PG-13) 4:45, 10:00  
Music Of The Heart (PG) 7:15  
Sleepy Hollow (R) 4:50, 7:10, 9:30

House On Haunted Hill (R) 5:00, 7:00, 9:10  
The Bone Collector (R) 4:45, 7:20, 9:55  
The World Is Not Enough (PG-13) 4:30, 7:05, 9:40  
Light It Up (R) 4:30, 7:15, 9:25  
Light It Up (R) 5:20, 8:00  
Sixth Sense (PG-13) 4:55, 7:40, 10:05  
The Bachelor (PG-13) 5:10, 7:35, 10:00  
The Best Man (R) 4:40, 7:20, 9:50  
Pokemon (G) 5:15, 7:30, 9:30  
The Messenger (R) 4:35, 7:25

**LINCOLN THEATER**  
103 E. Main, Belleville, Ill., 233-0123  
Blue Streak (PG-13) 7:15, 9:15  
Runaway Bride (PG) 7:00, 9:20  
Adventures Of Elmo In Grouchland (G) 7:05  
Chill Factor (R) 8:45

**NAMEOKI CINEMA**  
30 Nameoki Village, 877-6630  
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**O'FALLON 15 CINE**  
1320 Central Park Dr., O'Fallon, Ill., 822-2463  
Dogma (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30  
The World Is Not Enough (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:35  
The World Is Not Enough (PG-13) 2:15, 5:00, 7:50  
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The Messenger (R) 2:00, 5:00, 8:05

**ST. CLAIR 10**  
50 Ludvig Drive, 822-2463  
Pokemon (G) 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45  
Pokemon (G) 2:00, 4:15, 6:30, 8:45  
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House On Haunted Hill (R) 1:00, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00  
Sleepy Hollow (R) 1:10, 3:30, 6:00, 8:20  
Sleepy Hollow (R) 2:10, 4:30, 7:00, 9:20  
Double Jeopardy (R) 1:20, 4:20, 6:50, 9:20  
The Bachelor (PG-13) 1:05, 4:15, 6:40, 9:15  
Light It Up (R) 1:25, 4:05, 6:45, 9:10

**SHOWPLACE 12 EDWARDSVILLE**  
6633 Center Grove Rd., 659-7469  
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**WATERLOO CINEMA**  
Route 3, 939-9997  
The Bachelor (PG-13)  
The Bone Collector (R)  
End Of Days (R)  
Pokemon (G)  
Sleepy Hollow (R)  
The Messenger (R)  
The Insider (R)  
The World Is Not Enough (PG-13)  
Toy Story 2 (G) Check theater for times

Anywhere But Here (PG-13) 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:05  
Bone Collector (R) 1:30, 4:10, 7:15, 9:40  
Bone Collector (R) 2:45, 5:15, 7:45  
The Best Man (R) 2:50, 5:20, 7:50  
Bringing Out The Dead (R) 2:15, 7:00  
The Story Of Us (R) 4:40, 9:25  
The Insider (R) 2:00, 5:00, 8:05  
Sixth Sense (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:25

**ROXANA CINE THEATER**  
Roxana, Ill., 254-6746  
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'Dogma' release creates controversy with faithful

Hype and controversy, fire and brimstone surround the release of Kevin Smith's "Dogma." Angry Catholics who haven't even seen the movie besiege Smith with hate mail, which he's only too happy to post on the film's Web site.

But the devout need not worry - "Dogma" isn't the first sign of the apocalypse. The film's cardinal sin is its unevenness: It starts out enormously funny and then grinds to a halt without ever regaining momentum.

Writer-director Smith bills his movie as "a comic fantasia." Its surreal, farcical, and satirical religion in a totally innovative way.

Try to follow the premise: Loki (Matt Damon) and Bartleby (Ben Affleck) are fallen angels who have been banished from heaven to a place they imagine is worse than hell - Wisconsin. They figure if they can get to New Jersey and walk through the doors of a 100-year-old church, they can re-enter heaven and prove God fallible, therefore negating existence.

But God has chosen Bethany (Linda Fiorentino), an Illinois abortion clinic worker and wavering Catholic, to stop them from entering the church and save the world.

The basic plot isn't even the most convoluted part. There are so many layers of activity going on at once, it's hard to figure out who is doing what to whom.

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Chris Rock, Jason Mewes and Salma Hayek from a scene in Lions Gate's "Dogma."

Smith adds to the mix a stripper/muse, a trio of homicidal skate punks from hell and even himself - re-creating the role of Silent Bob from his previous films like "Clerks."

"Dogma" boasts a strong ensemble cast, including George Carlin, Salma Hayek, Chris Rock, Alan Rickman, Janeane Garofalo and Jason Lee.

There's even Alanis Morissette as an ethereal, goody God who takes human form so she can visit Earth to play skee-ball.

But there are almost too many stars, each of whom gets a lengthy monologue on faith, God and the world as we know it. Like "Clerks," Smith's first film, "Dogma" is talky. It's also too long, although it reportedly began life at three hours and has been trimmed to just over two.

Much of the dialogue is extremely funny, though. The film begins with Carlin, as Cardinal Cleck, announcing a public relations campaign called "Catholicism WOW!" that features a smiling, winking "Buddy Christ" who gives the thumbs-up sign.

"Christ didn't come to Earth to give us the willies," the cardinal says, pointing to an austere looking crucifix.

Meanwhile, Loki and Bartleby kill time at the Milwaukee airport by talking nuns out of believing in God and reading the thoughts of people walking off airplanes.

After the first half hour, though, the pacing slows, and there are endless stretches of time between the quick bursts of humor.

Several elaborately constructed scenes go nowhere, including one in which Loki and Bartleby ambush a board of directors meeting of "Mooby the Cow," a cartoon golden calf in boxer shorts that's clearly a spoof of Mickey Mouse.

Bartleby catalogues the sins of all the directors before Loki uses them for target practice with his new gun.

Ben Affleck has great chemistry as always, and each turns in a strong performance - especially Affleck, who is proving himself increasingly versatile. Fiorentino functions well as the only ordinary person in the bunch; she manages to go along on this wild journey without losing her sense of self.

Rickman gets some of the best lines, and is perfectly wry and witty as the voice of God. She can't speak for herself, so why shouldn't she have a rich English accent instead?

And the subject matter - which has caused such a tizzy - is mild, indeed. Ultimately, the characters enjoy redemption and a real shot at faith.

"Dogma" is rated R, containing strong language and violence. It began life as a release of Miramax Films - a Disney subsidiary - but controversy over the movie's subject matter forced it to the more independent Lions Gate Films. Running time: 125 minutes.

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When you get the tree home, don't be in a big hurry to get it inside. The kids may have other ideas, but it's best to keep it in a cool area until you're ready to decorate it. This is best done by placing it in a basement, porch or other cooler area overnight.

There are still three important items to attend to. First, saw an inch or so off the bottom of the trunk before placing it in the tree stand. This helps the tree absorb water, which it will do quickly during the first 24 hours.

Bring the stand to the tree, not vice-versa. The tree's trunk may be too big for the stand, and it's no fun discovering this fact in the living room. If the trunk's too big, it's a simple matter to trim it down to size.

Place a tree removal bag under the tree before setting it up. This will make it much simpler when the time comes to take the tree out. It will eliminate most of the mess; the trail of needles from tree site to door.

When you finally get the tree up, make sure it's as straight as possible. Enlisting the help of family members is a must here. Once it's as good as it's going to get, make sure it's secure and will not be in any danger of tipping.

Keep the tree as cool as possible, and away from heat sources such as registers and radiators. Water it well. A new tree can absorb up to a gallon of water the first 24 hours. It'll slow down after that, but will still need to be watered every day. Tree preservatives that are mixed with the water are available, and they'll help keep the tree fresher longer.

Never use any damaged light sets on the tree. Toss 'em and get new ones; the small expense is nothing compared to the potential danger.

As a final reminder, always unplug the lights when you leave the room or go to bed.

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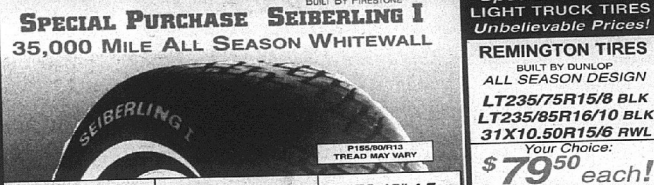
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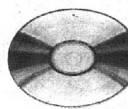
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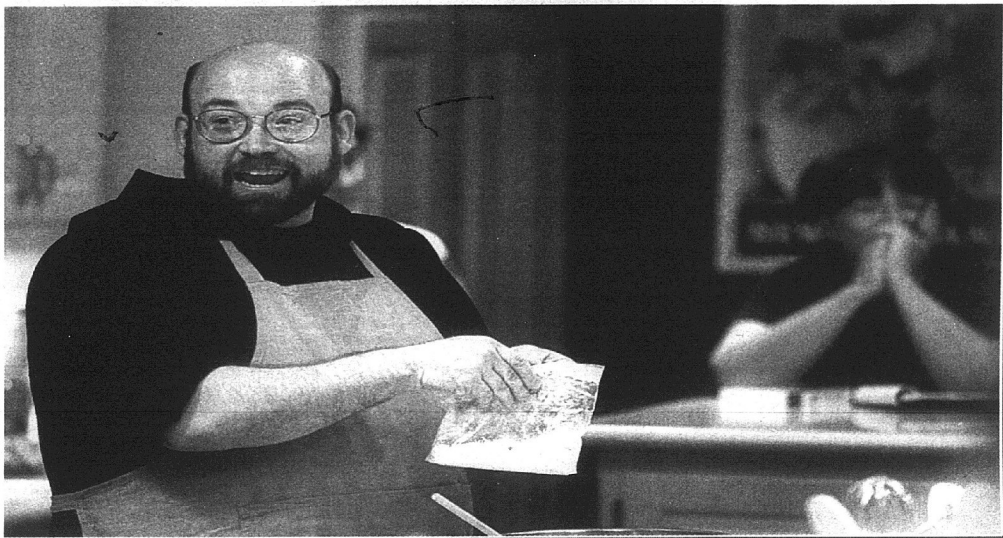
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## Father Dom's Star Rises



Rick Graefe photo

Father Dominic Garramone baked bread for fans of his 13-part PBS series, "Breaking Bread With Father Dominic," at a standing-room-only appearance at Dierbergs Markets, Clarkson-Clayton School of Cooking. He is a monk at St. Bede Abbey in Peru, Ill.

## Fans like show better than sliced bread

By Janice Denham  
Staff Writer

Father Dominic Garramone finds he can rise to the occasion. On his first outing as a celebrity chef on public television, he packed the house Nov. 18 at two locations of the Dierbergs School of Cooking.

Fans brought cameras. They introduced him to their children. One wrote a thank you note. "I'm not quite into this 'groupie' thing," he said the next day. In fact, he almost turned down the series before it started.

When a friend recommended him for a bread-making show for public television, the idea of being the featured performer did not prove well.

"This is ready to tell them no. This is not for the monk to do," he said.

Ultimately the opportunity to be monk and bread-baker baked to a perfect golden glow. His background as an educator and

drama teacher adds to his appeal. A Benedictine monk at St. Bede Abbey in Peru, Ill., since 1983, Father Dominic was ordained a priest in 1992. He chairs the religion department and teaches scripture at the monastery's co-ed prep school. He also heads the drama department and summer theater program at the school.

He loves his fraternal and prayer life at the abbey. His brethren are not shy about their appreciation of his bread baking, including homemade pizza night and Hog Bottom Rolls to go with leftovers on Thanksgiving night. "It is one of the most ancient prepared foods. Bread is the first thing we needed a recipe for. It is so much a part of Western culture for literally a millennium," he said.

Before he took the name Dominic, he was Michael Patrick. Knead with Danish and Austrian strains and the mixture overflows. He admits he is more likely to cook Italian breads than others.

"I do a lot of reading, a lot of research, then I test whether I like certain seasonings," Father Dominic said.

Bread for him is more than something to go with bologna. He is delighted that a basic bread-making video is available "to make it less intimidating, more like a friend coming over on Saturday to show you how."

He wants to share the charm and delight of making bread. In his book, he includes recipes to use with bread machines, although he hopes people take the time to enjoy baking it from scratch.

"There is the scent, the feel of the dough in your hands and manipulating this thing as it comes to life. Then there is the sense of care and concern when you put a blanket over the top and see how it comes out," Father Dominic said.

He wants to keep his bread-baking life in perspective, but admits it can be a challenge. "I keep a little notebook in my

choir stall. That's a specific place where I sit during prayer. Sometimes solutions for 'Breaking Bread' interrupt my prayers. If I write it down, I can forget about it until later," he said.

He finds two "mysteries" for bread bakers are the yeast and the kneading.

"The liquid (used to dissolve the yeast) should never be warmer than what you would put a baby into for his bath — lukewarm, body temperature. The optimum is 100 to 110 degrees, that kind of comfort level the Irish call 'blood-heat'."

Kneading should be more of a "massage" of the dough than a jerky dance.

Father Dominic even now bakes bread three or four times a week or "I almost go into a withdrawal."

He uses a rolling pin with big dots his father, a woodworker in Florida, made for his Christmas

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Greek flavors wrap up chicken in tortillas. Marinate 2 chicken breasts in 1/4 cup Italian salad dressing at least 2 hours, as long as overnight. Mix 1-1/2 teaspoons minced garlic and 3/4 teaspoon onion powder into 3/4 cup sour cream. Combine 3/4 cup diced tomato, 1 can (4-1/4 ounces) chopped black olives (drained), 3/4 cup peeled, seeded and chopped cucumber, 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice and 1/2 cup sour cream mixture. Broil chicken, let it cool, cut it in very thin strips. Spread each of 4 large tortillas with 1 tablespoon sour cream mixture. Divide chicken, vegetable mixture, then 2 cups mixed salad greens between tortillas. Fold in sides, then roll up tightly, diagonally to serve. Makes 4 servings.

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Winter squash store much longer than their summer cousins, zucchini and pattypan. Thick skins protect the denser flesh, which also has less water content. Whether the squash is named acorn, Hubbard, butternut, banana or delicata, it needs to be cooked. Cut it in half and scoop out the seeds and fiber. Add a touch of butter or margarine, something sweet (honey, brown sugar, maple syrup or pancake syrup) and then some spice (cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger). Add a little water to dish and cover it with aluminum foil. Bake in a preheated 350 degree oven 30 to 45 minutes if vegetable is small, up to 1-1/2 hours if thick.

#### Big Fat Tip

Festive holiday foods can tune into people's healthful attitudes. Serve dark rye cocktail bread instead of high-fat crackers or fried chips. Stock up on pre-cut vegetables, such as carrots and bell pepper, to dip in a blend of plain yogurt or nonfat sour cream flavored with soy sauce, curry powder and low-fat mayonnaise. For a different dip, blend drained chopped pimento, black pepper, oregano and chopped parsley into whipped low-fat cottage cheese.

#### Future Shop

Sales of sake, wine made from rice, grew 300 percent last year. Giff Frost, co-author of "SakePure + Simple" (Stone Bridge Press, \$8.95) and president of SakeOne in Oregon, says the increase is attributable to premium sake. Unlike grape wines, sake has no sulfites and half the acidity. Sake infused with Asian pear, hazelnut, blackberry and yuzu are the "trendiest," he says. Good sake always is served chilled in a wine glass or over ice. American taste buds usually do not like sake by reputation served hot. Most U.S. states require sake makers to hold a winery license, but the federal government looks on it as a brewery.

## Happy Face Pancakes

Prepare whole wheat or other pancake mix according to package directions. For every 4 pancakes, add 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon to the batter. Cut each of 2 cheddar cheese sticks into 16 slices (about 1/4 inch thick).

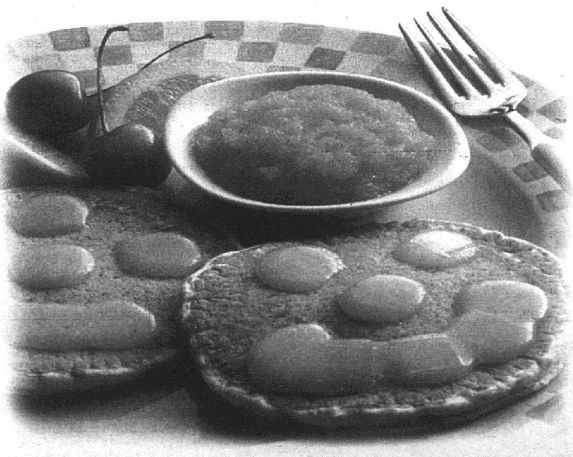
Heat griddle or large nonstick skillet over medium heat to 350 degrees. For each pancake drop 1/4 cup batter onto hot griddle. Cook 2 to 3 minutes until bottom is lightly browned. Turn over.

Immediately place 8 slices cheese to form eyes, nose and smiling mouth. Cook about 2 minutes longer until bottom is lightly browned and pancake is puffed.

Transfer face-side up to warm plates.

Serve with applesauce tinted with red food coloring.

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## Colorful cranberry gives unique tang

Those who appreciate cranberries find the holiday season a unique time, because they are used in many dishes.

Alpine spiced cider offers a cranberry apple flavor. A package with 10 individual servings costs \$1.99 at Shop 'n Save.

### TEST RUN

Tasters also tested Musselman's Fruit 'n Sauce, which combines cranberries with applesauce. A 24-ounce jar is priced at \$1.59.

The cranberry applesauce received a strong response in its favor. "What a bright, cheerful taste for a muffin, toast or just to eat alone in a bowl," a taster said. She liked the level of sweetness as well.

Testers also were positive about its texture. "The consistency is more like that of the applesauce, a little thicker because of the cranberry, but the taste of cranberry definitely comes through -- to its advantage," one of them said.

Another called it a welcome cross between jellied cranberry sauce and whole-



Cranberries pep up cider and applesauce.

berry cranberries. "It has little pieces of the berries, but still within a consistency of applesauce that is uniform, fine but not overly pureed," the cranberries give plain applesauce gorgeous color and more interesting texture," she said.

A taster of the cider said the cranberry flavor "gives the cider a tangy new taste." Another's impression that the cranberry flavor did not overwhelm the cider was a plus for it because it would

appeal to those who enjoy cider more than anyone who likes cranberries.

"It almost tastes like a nice alternative for those who are not wowed by cranberry drinks," she said.

Another taster said, "The cider is good. It goes down smoothly and soothes a sore throat."

However, she thought it was a bit too sweet. "It almost tastes like an apple fruit punch, but hot. The 'spiced' part was missing (for me)," she said.

## Father Dominic

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present last year before the show was finalized. He likes to control it gives him as he rolls out dough, particularly when he is making bread for the hearty appetites of the 30 "bachelors" with whom he lives.

Father Dominic grew up in Peoria, Ill. Much of his immediate family, including his mother, still live in the state.

Segments of the show include bakeries throughout the country.

An early episode about stuffed breads includes Bosnian fare at the Stari Grad Fadi's Bakery and Restaurant in South St. Louis. Breakfast rolls from the Blue Owl Restaurant and Bakery in Kimmiswick almost wait their cinnamon aroma through the screen in another segment.

The current series of "Breaking Bread With Father Dominic" on KETC-TV (Channel 9) airs through Dec. 25 at 1 p.m. Saturdays and Tuesdays, then begins again. In the last segment, the monk shares a tour of St. Bede Abbey during its summer Medieval Faire.

So far, about 60 public television affiliates, including those that air statewide,

have signed up for the series. Fleischmann's Yeast and Hodgson Mill underwrite the program.

Talks are in process for a second set of segments, said Father Dominic. For him, bread-making ideas are always bubbling, like yeast in warm water.

On his initial press tour, he admired the way the Red Fish Grill in New Orleans served bread by the loaf, rather than in baskets, at meals.

"I was so astonished, delightfully so, I thought that was so good. You just tear pieces off in hunks. In a sense, it is what everyone wishes: bread in a take-home bag," he said.

The bread-making instructional video and the companion book to the series (each \$19.95, plus \$5.95 for shipping) are available by calling toll-free (800) 293-5949 or at the web site www.breaking-bread.com.

His Basic Sweet Dough can be turned into a braided loaf or sculpted and decorated to match a holiday. He will share about a dozen braids into edible wreaths at the monastery for Christmas.

A baker can decorate the wreath with frosting and evergreen sprays and

scoop out small sections for embedding candles. Father Dominic expects to bundle or tie together candles of different lengths in the centers.

### BASIC SWEET DOUGH FOR BRAIDED LOAF

- 1/2 cup warm water (100 to 110 degrees)
- 2 pkg. dry yeast
- 1-1/2 cups milk
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, cut in small pieces
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 tsp. salt
- 7 to 7-1/2 cups unbleached flour
- Slivered almonds, if desired

In large mixing bowl, add yeast to warm water. Let stand 5 to 10 minutes until foamy.

In small saucepan, heat milk and butter until butter is almost melted. Cool until lukewarm. Stir in eggs, sugar and salt.

Using heavy wooden spoon, stir in 6 cups flour, 1 cup at a time, mixing thoroughly each time. Turn dough onto lightly floured surface. Knead 6 to 8 minutes, adding enough remaining flour to make moderately stiff dough that is smooth and elastic.

Form dough into ball, buter surface lightly and place in clean bowl. Cover with towel. Let rise in warm place 1 to 1-1/2 hours until double in size.

Braided Loaf: Divide dough into 3 equal pieces. Roll each piece into 24-inch rope. Braid ropes together, tucking ends underneath.

Place on greased baking sheet. Let rise, covered, in warm, draft-free place about 1 hour until doubled in size. Just before baking, using soft pastry brush, brush 1 egg, beaten over dough.

Bake in preheated 350 degree oven 45 to 50 minutes until golden brown and loaf sounds hollow when tapped. If dough begins to brown too quickly, loosely cover top with aluminum foil. Remove from oven. Use baker's peel or 2 large spatulas to move braid from pan to cooling rack.

When cool, drizzle or brush warm loaf with glaze (1 cup confectioner's sugar, sifted, and 1 to 2 tablespoons milk, stirred until smooth). Garnish with almonds.

## Cook looks for recipe with scroll and mouse

By Jananne Finck Correspondent

There is something new for the serious cookbook collector on the holiday gift list - a CD-ROM version of cooking. It not only has recipes, it often has video inserts col-

orfully pictured on the computer screen to help prepare the recipes successfully.

Cooking software has been on the market several years, but interest is mushrooming this holiday season. This may be due to the number and variety of computer programs aimed at providing and managing recipes.

The software selection includes features that should attract the attention of amateur and professional chefs alike.

When deciding which program to buy, consider more than the price tag. Check program options. Some basically give recipes, while others include numerous "mouth-watering" features.

In a recent search of cooking software, programs were found to include meal planning tips, development of shopping lists, nutrient analysis of recipes and a glossary of culinary terms.

An attractive option is video inserts that illustrate food preparation methods. Some programs boast the ability to adjust recipes to the servings needed, which

helps those challenged by the math.

A larger program has more than 6,000 recipes, plus an option to add favorite recipes to the database. Other programs are not short on recipes with an impressive 1,000 or more.

Some traditional cookbook publishers offer software versions. Whether this trend is driven by the consumer or the market, the food industry is taking this new approach to "cookbooks" seriously.

These tips can help anyone shopping for food preparation and recipe software programs:

- Check minimum computer requirements to ensure maximum program use and enjoyment. For example, a soundcard is needed for video inserts.

- Review and weigh the topics. Kids' cooking, healthy lifestyles, gourmet foods, specialty diets (diabetes, vegetarian), international foods and beverages are offered in diverse programs. Prices in this comparison ranged from \$10 to \$45.

- Practice comparison-shopping. I found the same computer program at three different prices, with two sources offering a significant rebate. Final cost after rebate eased my conscience enough to buy two - one to give and one to keep.

After all, 'tis the season and new ideas, like this one for flavorful cheese balls, are always welcome for the office party.

Certified food and consumer scientist Jananne Finck is nutrition and wellness educator for the University of Illinois Extension Center in Springfield.

### PINEAPPLE CHEESE BALL

- 2 pkg. (8 oz. each) light cream cheese
- 1 can (8-1/2 oz.) crushed pineapple in juice, well drained
- 1 tsp. chopped pimento
- 1/4 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 2 tbsp. chopped onion
- 1 tsp. beat monde seasoning
- 1 cup chopped nuts

Mix together cream cheese, pineapple, pimento, green pepper, onion and seasoning. Divide into 2 balls. Chill 30 minutes.

Just before serving, roll each cheese ball in nuts. Each ball serves 8. Makes 16 servings; 90 calories, 3 g protein; 5 g carbohydrate, 7 g fat, 8 mg cholesterol and 75 mg sodium each. Food exchanges: 1/2 meat, 1 fat.

## Quick breads bake sweet fruity favorites of holidays

By Margaret Vaporean Correspondent

Holidays are a time for the heart. Gifts and greeting cards express heartfelt messages of love, peace, happiness and health.

People share care and concern by baking heart-healthy treats, such as fruit-filled quick breads.

Quick breads bake "quickly" after mixing, rather than waiting for fermentation from yeast. Baking powder and baking soda provide air and steam when heat from the oven activates them.

Pumpkin bread is a tasty example of how nutrient-dense ingredients can be combined to provide nutritive bang for a sweet investment.

Fats add flavor, tenderize and hold in moisture, so they should not be eliminated entirely. Modify favorite older recipes by reducing fat by one-third.

Replace highly saturated fats, such as butter and margarine, with vegetable oils. Canola oil is a good choice.

The more monounsaturated fat in the oil, such as in canola oil, the better it is for the heart.

Using 2 egg whites instead of 1 whole egg saves cholesterol. For every egg switched, add one tablespoon of oil to help absorb

the excess moisture.

It's easy to add more nutrients to quick breads. Whole wheat flour has protein, vitamins, minerals and fiber that have been processed out of all-purpose flour.

Depending on the fruit, vitamins and fiber also are bonuses.

When choosing liquids for bread, nonfat milk contributes protein and calcium and is fat-free.

Baking powder and baking soda contain salt or sodium, so use extra salt.

Sugar affects the volume, tenderness and browning of the bread. Select recipes with smaller amounts of sugar or cut the amount in older recipes by one-third.

Spices and fruit enhance sweetness, so be generous with them.

When changing and substituting, write down changes and reactions in the bread. Try pureed ripe bananas or canned pumpkin instead of some of the fat and liquid in a recipe.

My favorite fruit choices are whole fresh blueberries or cranberries (freeze in season and enjoy year round), chopped peaches or apples (unpeeled for more fiber), chopped dried prunes, apricots or raisins.

Registered dietary technician Margaret Vaporean is a member of the editorial committee of the American Heart Association, Greater St. Louis Division.

### PUMPKIN BREAD

- 2/3 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup canola oil
- 4 egg whites (equivalent of 2 eggs)
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp. ground cloves
- 1 cup fruit (optional)
- 1/2 cup chopped toasted nuts, such as almonds, walnuts or pecans (optional)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Coat 9-by-5-inch loaf pan with nonstick cooking spray.

In bowl, cream brown sugar and oil. Add eggs, then pumpkin and milk. Beat well.

Sift together flour, baking powder, baking soda, ginger, cinnamon and cloves. Stir into liquid ingredients. Mix until dry ingredients are moistened. Fold in fruit and nuts.

Turn batter into prepared pan. Bake in preheated oven 55 to 60 minutes.

Makes 12 servings; 167 calories, 5 g fat (0.4 g saturated), no cholesterol, 102 mg sodium, 3 g protein and 26 g carbohydrate each.

## Local recipes headline cooking shows Saturday

Local chefs will don KETC-TV (Channel 9) aprons Saturday to cook for viewers between the regular cooking lineup of "Julia and Jacques," "Capri's" and "Father Dominic."

During live membership drive breaks, seven local people will demonstrate a recipe they submitted for the local station's cookbook, "Dine With 9." The program host is Dave Owens, executive chef of Cardwell's at the Plaza. He and Margaret Kelly, of Hot Locust Cafe, also will demonstrate one of their recipes.

Those cooking Saturday are: Maria V. BonDurant, St. Louis County, Cheese Surprise; Jeanne Lilley Gray, Webster Groves, Make-Ahead Mashed Potato Bake; Betty K. Hansen, Moscow Mills, Bread Fudding;

Bill Kimble, Kirkwood, Boursin Stuffed Chicken;

Anna Jaeger Shifman, Louisiana, Cranberries in Port Wine; Danny Venable, Front, Morning Sunrise Pie; and Relyn Wahlbrink, St. Louis County, Turkey Alpine Casserole.

Viewers who make a membership pledge of \$40 receive the cookbook as a gift.

Favorite quick and easy recipes were requested this summer for the cookbook.

A similar program in August featured other cooks and recipes from the book: Colleen Dempsey Dotson of St. Louis; Kathleen Fauke, Germantown, Ill.; Idelle Hirsch, St. Louis County; Courtney McIntyre, Bridgeton; Rose Notheis, St. Louis; Shannon Oliveri, O'Fallon, Mo.; Barb and Abby Razer, Sparta, Ill.; Dave Redden, Kirkwood; Maria Seidelmann, St. Louis County; and Robert Skaer, Belleville.

## Cheese replaces cookies for Santa

Mrs. Claus wants Santa to eat lots of cheese this year on his round-trip Christmas Eve. Lots and lots of cheese. She thinks it will give him more energy than cookies.

Children should have their own ideas of why he should make the switch. Anyone age 10 and under

can write to Santa's helpers in a letter why they think Santa would prefer Haughty Cheese - since Haughty Cheese Co. sponsors the contest - than cookies this year.

Letters must be received at Suburban Journals by Dec. 10. Twenty winners will be selected at random from all

entries received to go to breakfast with Santa Dec. 18 at the Creve Coeur Courtyard by Marriott. A special gift and a photo also will be taken.

Send name, age, address and phone number with a letter to: County Kids, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis 63131.

# Today's Food

## Party with the cook for kitchen secrets

By Barb Gray  
Correspondent

Giving a party can be as much fun as going to one.

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Both experienced and novice party-givers make entertaining enjoyable for hosts and guests with pre-planning and organization.

A delicious and eye-appealing menu is an important ingredient, but getting the cook out of the kitchen to enjoy the festivities distinguishes a good meal from a successful party. Saving even seconds by using a microwave oven means less time in the kitchen both before and during the party.

A simple solution is to make a party plan. Thinking ahead benefits even a spur-of-the-moment.

Get in the habit of using simple garnishes to transform everyday food into party fare. Carrots cut in

strips or with their edges frilled by a peeler gives appeal lacking in plain discs. Quarter cherry tomatoes and lay in patterns on top of salads.

Set up a smooth-flowing buffet line. Not only food, but glassware, plates and utensils count, too.

Appetizers sets the tone of a party. They should whet the appetite and even give enjoyment before a meal.

Sausage and Spinach Balls, from the Microwave Cooking Library series, are excellent to make ahead and freeze. Label and seal them carefully.

Certified family and consumer scientist Barb Gray specializes in microwave cooking.

### SAUSAGE BALLS

1 pkg. (12 oz.) bulk

**pork sausage**  
3/4 cup seasoned bread crumbs  
1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese  
1/8 tsp. ground red pepper  
1 tbsp. parsley flakes  
2 eggs

Crumble sausage into microwave-safe colander sitting in microwave-safe pan. Microwave on high power 2 to 4 minutes until sausage is no longer pink, stirring to break it apart. Stir in crumbs, cheese, red pepper, parsley and eggs.

Shape into balls about 1-inch in diameter. Place on waxed paper-lined baking sheets. Cover. Freeze overnight. Pack in freezer container and label. Freeze no longer than 2 weeks.

To serve, place half the balls at a time around edge of paper towel-lined 12-inch serving plate. Microwave on

high power 1-1/2 to 3 minutes until heated and firm to the touch, rearranging once.

Makes 4 dozen.

### SPINACH BALLS

1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen chopped spinach  
3/4 cup (3 oz.) shredded Swiss cheese  
1/4 cup dry bread crumbs  
1 tbsp. grated parmesan cheese  
1 tbsp. grated onion  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 egg, beaten

Microwave package of spinach on high power 4 to 5 minutes until defrosted. Drain, pressing out excess liquid. Mix with Swiss cheese, crumbs, parmesan, onion, salt and egg.

Shape into 1-inch balls. Place on waxed paper-lined baking sheet. Cover. Freeze overnight. Pack in freezer container and label. Freeze no longer than 2 weeks.

To serve, place all spinach balls on paper towel-lined serving plate. Microwave on high power 2 minutes.

Reduce power to medium (50 percent) power. Microwave 4-1/2 to 6 minutes until hot and just set, rearranging once or twice.

Makes 2 dozen. Recipe can be doubled, but only 2 dozen should be cooked at one time.

## Aspirin relieves head and heart aches

By Rebecca Coley  
Correspondent

Good old aspirin is one of the oldest pain remedies used today. In spite of its

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age and competition from newer pain relievers that

have fewer side effects, its value continues to mount. In addition to relieving pain, aspirin is known to decrease swelling and bring down fever. It was the first drug in the class of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agents. One of its competitors in this class of drugs is ibuprofen.

Aspirin seems to have unique effects on platelets, a type of blood cell that helps stop bleeding. Platelets work with other substances to form clots when blood vessels are cut.

Blood clots are necessary when someone cuts himself. However, they are not helpful when they travel through the body. The result can damage the heart, the lungs, the brain and other organs.

When a blood clot travels through the body, it can lodge in smaller vessels and keep oxygenated blood from going further. The tissue on the other side of the clot starves for oxygenated blood and sometimes "screams" for help. This is perceived as pain.

There are many reasons why these clots form. Preventing clots is important in people predisposed to them, like those who have suffered heart attacks and strokes.

At low doses, aspirin seems to keep platelets "slip-

pery" so they do not stick in blood vessels. Effects are limited to inside the vessels, so clotting still occurs outside the vessel, such as in the case of a finger cut.

Because of these effects, one aspirin a day is often recommended for a person who has had a heart attack or stroke. This is called secondary prevention.

Although scientists are studying whether everyone should take an aspirin a day it is too early to tell. Recently, more than 79,000 women were followed over a 15-year period. The women completed questionnaires that included questions about aspirin use.

Researchers observed that women who consumed one to six aspirin a week had a lower incidence of stroke caused by clots. Women who took more than 15 aspirin a week had higher incidence of stroke caused by bleeding.

In this study women did not take aspirin because they already had had a stroke or heart attack. This is the first information showing aspirin may be beneficial in women before they have a stroke or heart attack.

This does not change the fact that aspirin can irritate the stomach and some people are allergic to it. People taking other medication must consider drug interactions.

It is too early to tell if everyone should put an aspirin on the daily menu. However, anyone concerned about the matter should ask his or her doctor to see if this might be beneficial.

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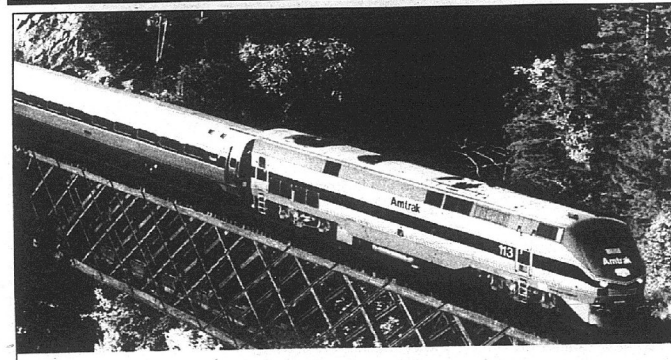
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# Today's Food

## Light and bright ideas sparkle at Hanukkah

Lights and oil mingle to brighten Hanukkah, which begins at sundown Friday. The wonder of lighting the menorah commemorates the victory of the tiny Maccabee army over a superpower that controlled Israel.

When the menorah was relit, there was only enough oil for one day. The menorah stayed lit the eight days it took the Jews to make oil. The miracle is honored with foods fried in oil - potatoes latkes and doughnuts in particular.

The celebration starts with "candles in the window. Light in a dark place," according to Rita Milos Brownstein, in her book "Jewish Holiday Style" (Simon & Schuster, \$27.50). In the book, she suggests craft ideas for homemade candles and menorahs and includes a variety of recipes for latkes and cookies.

The recipe for Shortbread Cookies is from her book. She suggests keeping them in small shapes, because they are very rich. Spicy Beef Brisket originated in the Sunkist kitchens.

### SHORTBREAD COOKIES

**3/4 cup (1-1/2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened**  
**1/4 cup sugar**  
**2 cups flour**

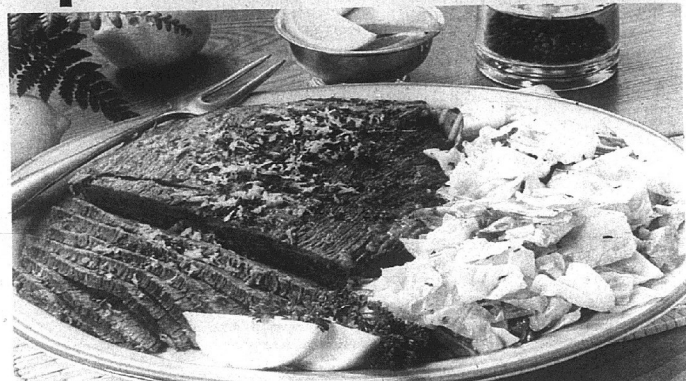
Preheat oven to 350 degrees.  
 Cream butter and sugar. Add flour. Mix well. Refrigerate dough, if it seems too soft to roll without sticking.  
 On lightly floured board, roll out dough about 1/3-inch thick. Cut in shapes with cutters. Place 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake in preheated oven about 20 minutes.  
 Let cool.  
 Makes about 2 dozen.

### SPICY BEEF BRISKET

**3 lb. boneless beef brisket, fat removed**  
**2 carrots, quartered**  
**3 onions, quartered**  
**3 large cloves garlic,**

**halved**  
**1 tbsp. instant beef bouillon**  
**15 whole cloves**  
**15 whole peppercorns**  
**2 bay leaves**  
**Strip of fresh lemon peel (4 to 6 inches)**  
**Juice of 2 lemons**  
**Boiling water**  
**Grated fresh lemon peel and chopped parsley for garnish**

Place beef in large saucepan. Add carrot, onion, garlic, bouillon, cloves, peppercorns, bay leaves, strip of lemon peel and juice. Add enough boiling water just to cover beef. Bring to boil. Reduce heat. Simmer 2-1/2 to 3 hours until beef is tender.  
 Remove beef to serving platter. Cut in thin slices. Sprinkle with grated peel and parsley.  
 Makes 6 to 8 servings.  
 Note: Strained cooking liquid can be used as soup base or broth for cooking vegetables.  
**Lemon Buttered Cabbage:**  
 In large skillet, melt 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) unsalted butter or margarine with 1/2 teaspoon



Spicy Beef Brisket and Lemon Buttered Cabbage make a hearty counterpoint to the latkes and cookies of Hanukkah.

caraway or celery seed. Add 1 medium head cabbage (about 1-1/2 pounds), coarsely chopped. Cook and stir over high heat 3 to 4 minutes. Reduce heat. Simmer, covered, 2 to 3 minutes until just tender. Stir in grated peel and juice of 1/2 fresh lemon. Pepper to taste. Makes 6 servings, about 90 calories and 16 mg sodium each.

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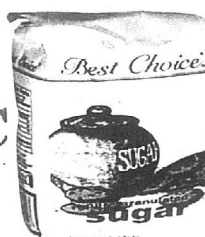
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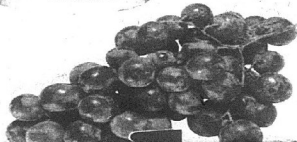
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## Baking tips follow call to free hotline

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Here are a couple cookie recipes to put people in the baking mood.

### SNOWBALL SURPRISE COOKIES

3/4 cup (1-1/2 sticks) butter, softened  
1/2 cup granulated sugar  
1 egg  
1/2 tsp. vanilla  
1-3/4 cups flour  
48 candy-coated, chocolate-covered almond or peanut candies  
1-1/2 cups confectioner's sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.  
In large bowl, combine butter, granulated sugar, egg and vanilla. Beat at medium speed of electric mixer, scraping bowl often, 1 to 2 minutes until well mixed. Shape dough around candy pieces to form 1-inch balls.

Place 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake in preheated oven 12 to 14 minutes until set. Remove from cookie sheet. Place confectioner's sugar in large plastic food bag. Shake 3 or 4 cookies at a time in sugar. Cool completely. Return 3 or 4 cookies at a time to bag to shake and coat again with confectioner's sugar.

Makes 4 dozen cookies; 100 calories, 1 g protein, 11 g carbohydrate, 5 g fat, 10 mg cholesterol, 35 mg sodium and 1 g dietary fiber each.

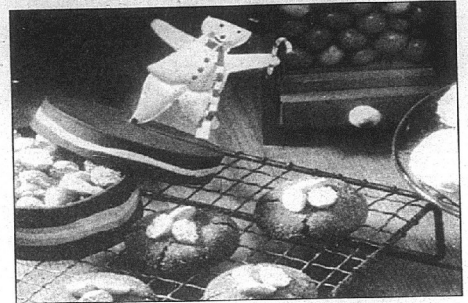
### CHOCOLATE MINT DROP COOKIES

1 cup plus 2 tbsp. granulated sugar  
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, softened  
1/2 cup cocoa powder  
1 egg

1-1/2 tsp. vanilla  
1/4 tsp. baking powder  
1/4 tsp. baking soda  
1-1/2 cups flour  
144 small pastel-colored, mint chip candies or candy corns

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.  
In large bowl, beat 1 cup sugar and butter at medium speed of electric mixer, scraping bowl often, until well mixed. Add cocoa, egg, vanilla, baking powder and baking soda. Continue beating until well mixed.

Reduce mixer speed to low. Add flour. Beat, scraping bowl often, 1 to 2 minutes until well mixed. Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Roll in sugar. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake in preheated oven 9 to 11 minutes until set. Quickly press 3 small mint chip candies on top of each



The season has opened for sweet snowballs and minty chocolate drops.

cookie. Remove from pan to cooling racks. Cool completely.

Makes 4 dozen cookies; 70 calories.

## Italian Hanukkah treat gives cook a tasty break

By Dana Jacobi  
Correspondent

Making latkes, the thin pancakes fried in oil traditionally served at Hanukkah, should be a joy. I love to eat them, but I find making them a chore.

I do not care for the tedious job of squeezing the moisture out of enough shredded potatoes to feed a crowd or the discomfort of weeping as I grate onions. Nor do I like being stuck in my small apartment kitchen, slaving over two skillets, while everyone at the dining room table enjoys hot, crisp latkes.

But I do love fried food and Hanukkah provides a perfect excuse to indulge because the oil used is symbolic of the miracle at the heart of this joyous holiday. The oil, just enough to burn for one day in the sacred lamp in the ancient temple in Jerusalem, lasted eight days and nights.

This year I researched to find an alternative to latkes. Neither the yeasty fried jelly doughnuts served in Israel to celebrate Hanukkah nor the aromatic Moroccan couscous with fried chicken served by Moroccan Jews was close to a latke.

Ultimately I read a fascinating book, "Cucina Ebraica," by Joyce Goldstein. A San Francisco-based chef who presents the rich heritage of Jewish Italian cooking, she includes dishes like fritelle di zucca, squash fritters from Venice. They are a perfect variation from a latke.

I modified Goldstein's recipe to cut back on fat. Only a single egg was used. Frozen cooked squash, rather than cooking fresh squash in milk, provided the right consistency. As an alternative to roasted pine nuts, chopped dried apricot adds flavor without fat.

And - oh, joy! - I can make the whole batch, holding the cooked fritters in a warm oven, then sit down and share them with guests. They stay crispier than latkes do in the oven. Leftovers even taste good when cool and pleasantly chewy.

Cookbook author Dana Jacobi submits this material for the American Institute for Cancer Research in Washington, D.C. She created the recipes for the AICR cook, "Stopping Cancer Before It Starts."

### ITALIAN SQUASH FRITTERS

1 pkg. (12 oz.) frozen butternut or winter squash  
3/4 cup flour  
1 tsp. baking soda  
Pinch salt  
1 egg  
1/4 cup sugar  
Grated zest of 1/2 orange  
1/4 cup golden raisins  
1/4 cup chopped dried apricot  
1/4 cup peanut oil for cooking  
1 to 2 tbsp. confectioner's sugar

In medium saucepan, cook squash according to package directions.

In pot over medium-low heat, using wooden spoon, cook and stir flour into squash until mixture is thick and without lumps. Stir in baking soda and salt, then egg, until well combined. Mix in sugar, orange zest, raisins and apricot. Remove from heat. Let stand 15 minutes. Batter will be velvety and elastic.

In medium nonstick skillet, heat 2 tablespoons oil over medium-high heat. Drop batter, a scant teaspoon at a time, into hot oil. Cook 8 to 9

fritters at a time about 2 minutes until dark brown on bottom. Using tongs, turn over fritters, pressing them into coin-size disks with side of tongs. Cook 2 to 3 minutes until well-browned. Transfer to paper towels.

Add remaining 2 tablespoons oil as needed during frying. Arrange warm fritters on serving plate. Sprinkle with confectioner's sugar. Serve immediately.

Makes eight (6-fritter) servings, 173 calories and 6 g fat each.

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## Even cookies benefit from flavorful fruit

When it comes to life's simple pleasures, the aroma of cookies, cakes and pies baking ranks right up there among the best. Also there is the reward of taking perfectly browned goodies from the oven and serving them to family and friends.

Those who need confidence and a little bit of experience in baking from scratch can make cookies. All it takes is following directions.

In these simple recipes, fresh and juicy pineapple and naturally sweet banana deliver moist, flavorful baked goods. No flavor extract can match the taste of tropical fruits. Extra moisture helps them keep a little longer, helpful when mailing them or wrapping them up early for gifts.

Basic Banana Cookies use extra-ripe banana for sweetness and texture. The banana should have a speckled or even very dark peel. If

bananas reach this stage baking time, puree or mash them and store in an airtight container in the freezer until then, then defrost for baking.

**Oatmeal Pineapple Cookies** call for old-fashioned oats (not instant) and fresh pineapple - no substitutes allowed. Fresh pineapple is available cored, peeled and ready to use among the produce in most supermarkets. Kids can help bake. It is a great way for a family to spend time together and everyone gets to enjoy the results.

### BASIC BANANA COOKIES

- 2-3/4 cups flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 cup (2 sticks) margarine, softened

- 1-1/4 cups granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 large, ripe banana, mashed (1/2 cup)
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon

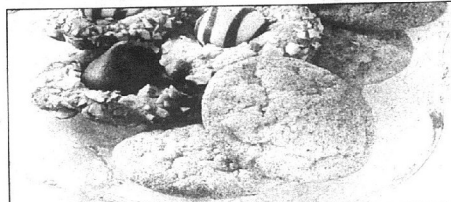
In medium bowl, combine flour, baking soda and salt. In large bowl, beat together margarine, 1 cup granulated sugar and brown sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and banana until blended. Stir in flour mixture until combined. Refrigerate, covered, 2 hours or as long as overnight, until dough is firm enough to handle.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine remaining 1/4 cup granulated sugar and cinnamon in small bowl. Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Roll in cinnamon mixture. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheets.

Bake in preheated oven 10 to 12 minutes until lightly browned. Carefully remove cookies to wire rack to cool completely.

Makes 4-1/2 dozen; 79 calories, 4 g fat, 8 mg cholesterol, 76 mg sodium, 11 g carbohydrate and 1 g protein each.

**Chocolate Banana Stars:** Prepare and shape dough as directed, but roll dough in cup finely chopped almonds instead of cinnamon mixture. Bake as directed. As soon as cookies are removed from oven, press unwrapped individual milk chocolate pieces into center of each cookie. Cool as directed.



Banana keeps dough moist and sweet in a multi-use cookie recipe.

- 1 cup shortening
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 3 cups old-fashioned oats
- 2 cups flour
- 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 3/4 tsp. salt
- 2 cups finely chopped, fresh pineapple

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease cookie sheets.

In bowl, cream together sugars and shortening until light and fluffy. Stir in eggs

and vanilla until smooth.

In second bowl, stir together oats, flour, pumpkin pie spice, baking soda, baking powder and salt. Pour into sugar mixture. Beat until smooth. Stir in pineapple.

Drop batter by teaspoonful two inches apart onto prepared baking pans.

Bake in preheated oven 15 minutes or until lightly browned. Let cool 1 minute. Remove from cookie sheet to racks to cool.

Makes about 6 dozen; 71 calories, 3 g fat, 6 mg cholesterol, 39 mg sodium, 10 g carbohydrate and 1 g protein each.

### OATMEAL PINEAPPLE COOKIES

- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar

### CRANBERRY-GLAZED PORK ROAST

- 4 lb. boneless loin roast
- 2 tsp. cornstarch
- 1/4 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. grated orange peel
- 2 tbsp. orange juice
- 2 tsp. dry sherry
- 1 can (16 oz.) whole-berry cranberry sauce
- 1 large red onion, cut in 6 to 8 wedges, or 12 small whole onions, peeled

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. In small saucepan, combine cornstarch, cinnamon, salt and orange peel. Stir in orange juice, sherry and cranberry sauce. Cook and stir over medium heat until thickened.

Place roast in shallow roasting pan. Insert meat thermometer. Roast in preheated oven 1 hour. Spoon about 1/2 cup cranberry mixture over roast and onions. Continue to roast 30 to 60 minutes until meat thermometer registers 155 to 160 degrees. Let stand 5 to 10 minutes before slicing.

Serve with remaining cranberry mixture. Makes 16 servings; 213 calories, 26 g protein, 6 g fat, 84 mg sodium and 66 mg cholesterol each.

### CINNAMON HONEY BUNS

- 1 loaf (1 lb.) frozen bread dough
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine, softened
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/4 cup chopped toasted nuts, if desired
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 2/3 cup raisins

Thaw dough as package directs.

Grease 12 muffin cups, using 1 tablespoon butter. For topping, mix together 1 tablespoon butter, 1/4 cup honey and nuts. Place 1 teaspoon mixture in each muffin cup. For filling, mix together

remaining 2 tablespoons butter, remaining 1/4 cup honey and cinnamon.

On floured work surface, roll bread dough to form 8-by-18-inch rectangle. Spread filling evenly over dough.

Sprinkle evenly with raisins. Starting with long side, roll dough into log. Cut log into 12 pieces about 1-1/2 inches wide. Place each piece of dough cut-side up in prepared muffin cup. Set muffin pan in warm place. Let dough rise 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Place muffin pan on baking sheet lined with aluminum foil to catch drips. Bake in preheated oven about 20 minutes until buns are golden brown.

Cool in pan 5 minutes. Invert muffin pan to remove buns.

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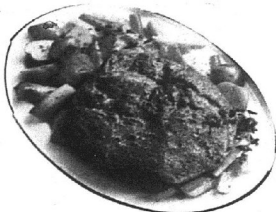
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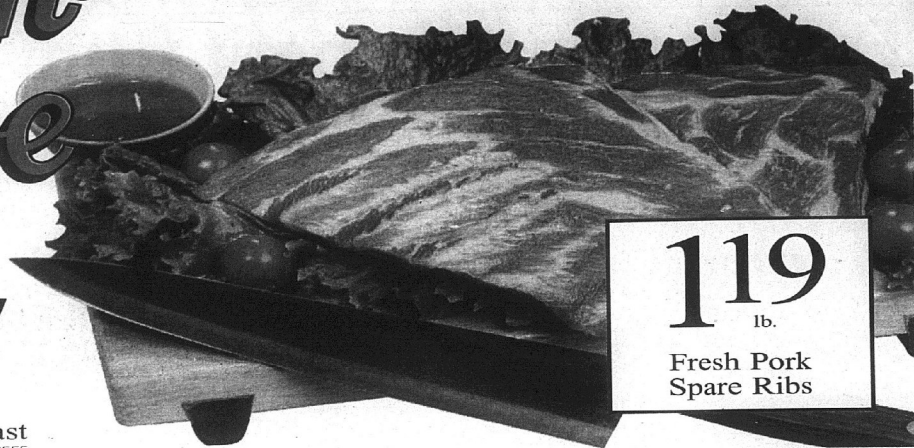
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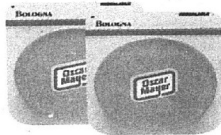
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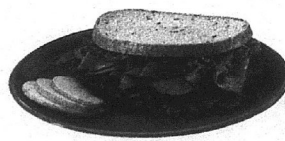
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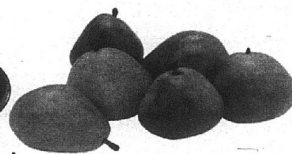
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## Cadillac's 2000 Deville blends ingenuity with bold styling

By Tom Strongman

The redesigned 2000 Deville is a window into the future of Cadillac. Through its styling, with sharp edges, vertically stacked headlights and a death of chrome flourishes, you can see hints of the Evoq-oriented "Cadillac style" that will permeate the product line as the division fishes for new customers in the land of youth. Evoq is the two-seat concept roadster that has made the rounds of auto shows this year.

Through its use of Night Vision infrared technology, vehicle stability control, road-sensing adjustable suspension and ultrasonic rear parking sensors, you can see that Cadillac is, and will continue to be, General Motors' high-tech division. Riding on GM's G platform, a basic chassis which is under the Seville, Oldsmobile Aurora and Buick Park Avenue, the new Deville has a wheelbase that has grown from 113.3 to 113.4 inches. It is 2 inches narrower and 3 inches shorter, too.

It comes in three models: Deville, Deville High Luxury Sedan (DHS) and Deville Touring Sedan (DTS). Prices start at \$40,170 for the Deville and \$45,370 for the DHS and DTS.

Under the hood sits the 4.6-liter Northstar V-8. Horsepower is 275, except for the sportier DTS, which

has 300. This robust engine is a jewel. It lunges into action at the slightest prod, and it snarls its way up to speed with a wail that sounds as if a Corvette is being held prisoner under its hood.

Cranking 300-horsepower through the front wheels can be a bit of a challenge, and at full throttle they pawed slightly from side to side. The Deville's styling is bound to be a conversation point because its bold, vertically stacked headlights create a slightly bug-eyed face unlike anything else in the model line. Its profile shows a family resemblance to the Seville, but its sides are flatter and have less sculpting.

Inside, this iteration of the Deville is vastly superior to its predecessors. The DHS has an analog-style instrument package that rivals Lexus for clarity and style. Secondary controls for radio and climate control are wide, flat buttons that are simple to decipher and easy to use. The sound quality of our test car's Bose stereo was top-notch.

For those who want six-person seating, the Deville and DHS can be equipped with a 40/20/40 bench front seat that has a fold-down center armrest. Seats in the DHS and DTS have 20 rollers in the lumbar section that gently massage your back for up to 10 minutes at the touch of a button. The test car had an adaptive

driver seat that uses sensors and 10 air cells to adjust the contour to your body's shape.

The DTS has a suspension tuned for sporty handling, and accordingly the ride had a bit of a sharp edge to it. Lean it into a turn, however, and it tracks through admirably for such a large sedan. The StabiliTrak vehicle stability system helps counteract skidding on dry pavement, but it would be most helpful in rain or snow.

Night Vision, an infrared imaging system, available as a \$1,900 option on the DHS and DTS, really works. Before sampling it I was skeptical, but after I got used to the black-and-white negative image floating at the base of the windshield it was very helpful.

Night Vision brings Gulf War technology to the highway. A small camera, mounted in the center of the grill where you normally would find the Cadillac crest, uses thermal, or infrared, imaging to pick up the heat from objects and create a virtual image that looks like a black-and-white photographic negative.

This image is then projected onto the bottom of the windshield through a head-up display, with the result being an image that appears to float out about the end of the hood. Objects are the same

size in the image as they are in the driver's field of vision.

Driving through suburban neighborhoods at night, I could see people walking their dogs two blocks away, long before headlights ever illuminated them. Night Vision also allows the driver to "see" parked cars way down the road.

At first, the system distracted me from watching the road, but I soon learned to use it only when I needed to see beyond the headlights.

Other high-tech options include ultrasonic parking sensors in the back bumper that sound a warning if you are about to back into something. OnStar, GM's cell-phone-based communications service that helps with route information, can track the vehicle if stolen and automatically calls for help if the air bags deploy, and a CD-ROM-based navigation system.

Can this Deville challenge the best luxury cars from Europe and Japan? Yes. Does it feel as quiet, refined and solid? Not yet. But it is not far away.

The base price of the Deville Touring Sedan was \$44,700. Night Vision, wood interior trim, six-disc CD player, front and rear air bags, ultrasonic parking assist, tilt steering wheel and a memory package brought the sticker price to \$51,735. The warranty is for four years or 50,000 miles.

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